



ASTROLABE

2020

WREKIN VINEYARD

CHENIN BLANC

VARIETY

100% chenin blanc.

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at Wrekin Vineyard
by Jan & Andrew Johns.

LOCALITY

Upper Brancott Valley, Southern Valleys,
Marlborough, New Zealand.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.50%
Residual sugar	1.1 g/l
Total acidity	5.1 g/l
pH	3.31

VITICULTURE

Climate: The 2019-2020 growing season was a little above average for temperature and growing degree days but cooler than the previous three seasons, which were all very high. The season was very dry, with only 43 mm (1.7 inches) of rain from 21 December to the end of harvest on 9 April. Budburst was five or six days early, and so was flowering. The dry season resulted in harvest coming in about ten days earlier than long term average. Where there was groundwater or drip irrigation, vines enjoyed good health and disease pressure was nil.

Soils: The soils are some of the oldest in the province, based on glacial outwash, and range from deep loams to tight clays on a steeply sloping hillside.

Vine Management: Standard trellis with pruning to two canes with vertical shoot positioning, and some cluster thinning.

Harvest Date: 8th April, 2020.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand-picked, whole cluster pressed, and only the cuveé juice retained for fermentation in stainless steel and old barrels. The combination of cultured and wild yeast, fermentation on light grape solids and lees stirring has added texture to the palate, and interesting complexity to the nose. The delicate fruit handling has given the wine a racy and crisp structure. Bottled 9th September, 2020.




Simon Waghorn - Winemaker
Waghorn Family Wines