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2024 AWATERE VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC

VARIETY

Sauvignon blanc

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at Lower Dashwood vineyard
by the Lissaman family.

LOCALITY

Awatere Valley (100%), Marlborough,
New Zealand.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13.5%
Residual sugar	1.1 g/l
Total acidity	6.7 g/l
pH	3.39

VITICULTURE

Climate: Mean temperatures were average to well above average from September through to February 2024, with accumulated growing degree days over 10% higher than normal. Over the same period, rainfall was only 46% of normal, and soil water deficit was 46% higher. These dry conditions, and fewer berries on the bunches, meant fruit was entirely free of fungal disease at harvest. Lower bunch numbers and bunch weights lead to the harvest being amongst the smallest over the last ten years. The light crops helped the canopies survive the dry, and fruit flavour was excellent.

Soils: Gently undulating, well-drained, deep silt loams and moderately deep sandy loams of greywacke alluvium.

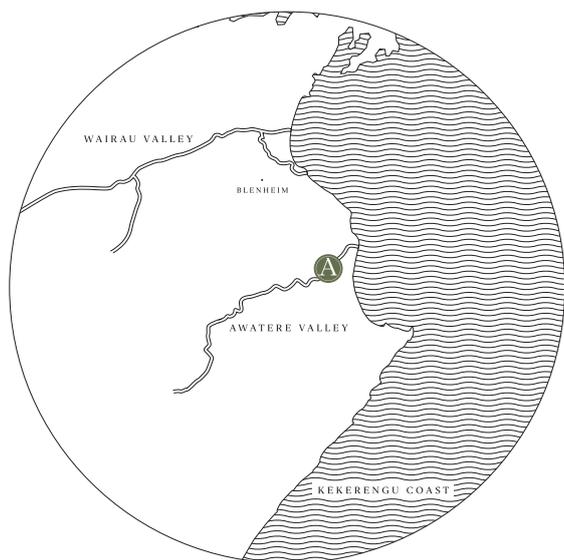
Vine Management: Standard trellis, with pruning to two to four canes, and vertical shoot positioning. Vines are trimmed closely, well tucked and lightly leaf plucked.

Harvest Date: Between the 24th and 29th of March, 2024.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was machine harvested in cool evening conditions, de-stemmed and lightly pressed with minimal skin contact. Clear, cold-settled juice was fermented in stainless steel vats at low temperatures, using neutral wine yeast strains to allow the powerful fruit flavours to dominate.

Bottled 12th June, 2024.



Simon Waghorn - Winemaker
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