



Astrolabe

Valleys

KEKERENGU COAST SAUVIGNON BLANC

2015

VARIETY

100% Sauvignon Blanc.

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown in the Taihoa Vineyard and Sleepers Vineyard of the Kekerengu Coast sub-region of Marlborough.

LOCALITY

100% Kekerengu Coast, Marlborough, NZ.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	13%
Residual sugar	<1.0 g/l
pH	3.48
Titrateable Acidity	6.5 g/l

VITICULTURE

Climate A record dry, early and warm season in Marlborough, with growing degree days 10% above the long-term average, and 40 % of the normal rainfall. A lack of our usual blustery winds in the lead-up to harvest ensured that groundwater and irrigation delivered healthy vine canopies. Crops were naturally in balance with the soils, and the resulting wines show good concentration.

Soils Free-draining stony, silty loam with some limestone.

Vine Management Standard trellis with vertical shoot positioning, pruned to two to four canes. Vines are trimmed closely, well tucked, with minimal leaf plucking.

Harvest Dates 8th to 15th April, 2015.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was machine harvested in cool conditions, de-stemmed and lightly pressed with minimal skin contact. Clear, cold-settled juice was fermented in stainless steel vats at low temperatures and using neutral wine yeast strains to allow the powerful fruit flavours to dominate. A small portion (one sixth) of hand-picked, high solids and wild barrel ferment wine was blended in to add subtle texture and complexity.

TASTING NOTES

Colour/Appearance Pale gold with green highlights.

Aroma/Bouquet Lime rind and pink grapefruit, ripe gooseberries, lemongrass and lemon balm.

Palate Full bodied, round, concentrated wine with some green tropical fruit and peach, and a crisp, dry finish.

Cellaring Best enjoyed after a year's bottle age, but has the potential to develop gracefully for many years.

Suggested Foods Raw oysters, shellfish, lobster and crab, rocket salads, sashimi and ceviche.

Serve Chilled.

Simon Waghorn

Simon Waghorn, Winemaker