



Astrolabe

Valleys

WAIRAU VALLEY DRY RIESLING 2015

VARIETY

100% Riesling.

GRAPEGROWERS

Grown at Astrolabe Farm by Jane and Simon, and Nick Taylor.

LOCALITY

Grovetown, Marlborough, NZ.

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol	12.0 %
Residual sugar	7.4 g/l
pH	3.04
Titrateable Acidity	7.6 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 Moderately well drained loamy and sandy alluvial soils of the lower terraces.

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

Harvest Dates The 1st and 6th April, 2015.

WINEMAKING

Most of the fruit was machine harvested at night, with some hand-picked, and lightly pressed. Only the free-run juice was used, and fermented with light solids in a stainless steel vat at low temperatures, using a neutral yeast strain to allow the distinctive varietal flavours to dominate.

TASTING NOTES

Colour/Appearance Pale, lemon-straw.

Aroma/Bouquet Fresh apples, lemon and lime, citrus flower and light stone-fruit.

Palate Medium bodied wine with apricot, zingy citrus and crisp apple flavours, some lemon-honey and a fresh finish.

Cellaring Will reward careful cellaring, through the development of bottle age complexities. However, the wine is already drinking well, and should be nearing its peak by late 2020.

Suggested Foods This wine is excellent as an aperitif before a meal, but also able to partner a wide range of food, from crayfish and scallops through to pork and spicy Asian food. The natural balance of sugar, acidity and alcohol make the wine suited to a wide range of palates, and ideal for social functions.

Serve Chilled.

Simon Waghorn

Simon Waghorn, Winemaker