



THE VINEYARD

Location	Awatere Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand
Proximity to the sea	7km from the Pacific Ocean – the cool, maritime climate allows for a long and steady growing season in which the grapes can ripen and develop flavours as well as a natural balance of acids and sugars
Soil type	Stony clay-mixed gravels on alluvial terraces
Area under vine	17.75 ha (43.84 acres)
Date planted	September 2007
Sauvignon Blanc	15.77 ha
Clones	Marlborough MS
Rootstock	SO4
Pinot Noir	1.98 ha
Clones	Dijon 115
Rootstock	101-14
Vine Density	2.5m wide rows, plant spacing 1.8m 2222 plants per hectare / 899 plants per acre
Row orientation	North / south
Canopy management	Vertical shoot position (VSP) system
Trellis	Fruiting wire at 900 to 1000mm and clips spaced above this to aid in upright shoot growth
Irrigation	Computer-monitored moisture sensors and applied drip line irrigation as required throughout the growing season – approximately 5 to 10 litres per plant per day depending on plant water use and loss
Pruning	3 and 2 cane for Sauvignon Blanc; 2 cane for Pinot Noir