



DOMAIN ROAD *vineyard*

Defiance Single Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018

Domain Road Vineyard is a small producer of premium wines in Bannockburn, Central Otago, New Zealand. Two vineyards, one on Domain Road and the other on Felton Road are hand tended by a small team under the leadership of Fiona Johnman. Bannockburn's hot summers, followed by cool dry autumns allow the grapes to reach optimum maturity prior to harvest.

Our vineyards embrace the past, making the most of the soils and unique clays left exposed by miners searching for gold as well as the areas passed over and left untouched. Our Defiance Pinot Noir grows on two blocks on our Defiance vineyard chosen for the quality of soils and underlying gravels. We have five clones of Pinot Noir planted in the vineyard and each vintage of Defiance Pinot Noir can be selected from just a few or all of these.

The Wine

Our Defiance Pinot Noir is a single vineyard expression of the site where the grapes are grown. It is produced in limited quantities each vintage from a selection of barrels which we believe best represent that vintage. We want our Pinots to reflect the vintage, allowing them freedom of expression so that each vintage is embraced as a unique event.

The grapes (clones 943 and Abel) were hand harvested on 20th March 2018. The fruit was predominantly destemmed (10% was whole bunch pressed) into stainless steel tanks and fermented with indigenous yeasts. The wine was aged in French oak barriques for approximately 15 months, of which 28.5% was new oak.

Our 2018 Defiance Pinot Noir is garnet in colour with ruby hues. The wine is toasty savoury oak with fragrant notes of violet, clove, plum and chocolate complimented by tobacco and a hint of forest floor. The palate is silky with a lush entry of ripe blackberry, violets, plum, raspberry and black cherry. Concentrated and full mid palate with fine grained tannins and a long red fruit finish.

Food match: rabbit, duck, lamb, or sip and contemplate by itself.

Variety	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Felton Road, Bannockburn
Vineyards	Defiance
Harvested	20th March 2018
pH	3.60
TA	5.12g/L
Residual Sugar	Nil
Alcohol	13.5%

