



Pinot Noir 2008

Domain Road Vineyard is located in the heart of an historic gold mining area, Bannockburn, Central Otago, one of several vineyards in the desirable Bannockburn area. The vineyard covers most of a sheltered valley which provides a unique microclimate providing shelter and heat to the vines. The valley was mined for gold over a century ago but this Pinot Noir is planted on high quality loam soils which overlay schist gravels and 'pipe clay' (named for the white clay used to make tobacco pipes by early gold miners) which was overlooked by the miners and is unique to the area. The vineyard is owned by the Crosbie family who have a long association with the area.

The Wine

5 different clones are hand tended and hand picked. After initial fermentation in stainless the wine was aged for 15 months in French Oak barrels. This is followed with a further 6 months in bottle before release.

The nose displays attractive dark fruits, which continue on the palate with plums, cherries, hints of liquorice and spicy integrated oak. The tannins are fine grained and well balanced. This Pinot Noir is an elegant wine with a firm backbone of acidity.

Food match: rabbit, duck, lamb.

Variety	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Central Otago
Ph	3.5
TA	6.2g/l
Brix at Harvest	25-26
Alcohol	14.0% by volume

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