



DOMAIN ROAD *vineyard*

Defiance Chardonnay 2017

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 Chardonnay grows in three blocks on our Defiance vineyard chosen for the quality of soils and underlying gravels.

The Wine

The grapes were hand harvested on 8th April 2017 from our Defiance vineyard. All the grapes were whole bunch pressed to tank before being transferred to French oak barriques for barrel fermentation. Aged in the oak barriques for 10 months (35% new oak) the wine underwent malolactic fermentation and was regularly lees stirred.

Our Chardonnay is dry in style, and pale straw with clear hues in colour. The nose has fragrant aromas of freesias, honeysuckle, melon and grapefruit with hints of ginger and smoky oak. The palate is dry with ripe peach, nectarine, apricot, melon and a hint of citrus. The texture is creamy and mouth filling. A complex wine with balanced acidity, nice minerality and a long finish.

Variety	100% Chardonnay
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Felton Road, Bannockburn
Vineyards	Defiance
Clones	1066, 548, 809
pH	3.21
TA	6.33g/L
Harvested	8th April 2017
Residual Sugar	Nil
Alcohol	14.0%

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