



# DOMAIN ROAD *vineyard*

## Pinot Noir 2017

A sheltered valley in one of New Zealand's best wine-growing regions is where Domain Road Vineyard calls home.

Domain Road Vineyard, owned and run by the Crosbie family, 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.

Gold miners have left their mark on the Central Otago landscape, altering the profiles of the surrounding hills and valleys in their search for the elusive metal. Our Pinot Noir vines grow on a rare Bannockburn site untouched by miners, and delivers a complexity that truly reflects the unique location of the vineyard.

## The Wine

The grapes were hand harvested between the 28th March – 11th April 2017 from Domain Road and Defiance vineyards. The fruit was predominantly destemmed (6% was whole bunch pressed) into tanks for fermentation before being transferred to French oak barriques (26% new) for approximately 10 months of aging.

Our Pinot Noir has fragrant lifted aromas of oak spice, smoky dried herbs, berry fruits and a touch of leather. The palate has sweet ripe blackberry and cherry with notes of leather, spice and has rich dark fruits at the front with black plum, ripe blackberry and vanilla at the finish with a hint of chocolate and spice. A complex, concentrated wine with supple fine grained tannins and a long mineral finish.

Variety	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Felton Road, Bannockburn
Vineyard	Domain Road & Defiance
pH	3.58
TA	5.65g/L
Harvested	28th March - 11th April 2017
Alcohol	13.0%
Fining	Egg whites

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