



DOMAIN ROAD *vineyard*

Bannockburn Pinot Noir 2020

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 Steven Crosbie. 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 from Defiance Vineyard (clones 113,115, 943 and Abel) were hand harvested between the 5th to 14th April 2020. The fruit was destemmed into stainless steel tanks with approximately 10% added as whole bunch and inoculated with selected yeasts to carry out the fermentation. The wine was aged in French oak barriques (30% new) for approximately 10 months.

Deep garnet in colour, our Pinot Noir has fragrant aromas of violets, blackberry, dark plum, Christmas cake, dark chocolate with a hint of smokiness. The palate is rich and concentrated with sweet dark fruits of plum, cherry and blackberry. Complex and medium bodied with ample fine-grained tannins leading to a long finish with a touch of minerality and understated power.

Variety	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Bannockburn
Vineyard	Defiance
Harvested at	5th - 14th April 2020
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Nil
pH	3.60
TA	6.01g/L

