



## Bannockburn Pinot Noir 2019

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 from both the Domain Road and Defiance Vineyards were hand harvested between the 3rd to 10th April 2019. The fruit was destemmed into stainless steel tanks 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 blackberry, blackcurrant, ripe plum with hints of clove, cinnamon and leather. The palate is rich and concentrated with red berry fruits, dark plums, chocolate, leather and hints of Christmas spice. A complex, concentrated wine with lovely fine grained tannins, balanced minerality and a long plum and spice finish.

Variety	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Bannockburn
Vineyard	Domain Road & Defiance
Harvested at	3rd - 10th April 2019
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Nil
pH	3.58
TA	5.51g/L