



DOMAIN ROAD *vineyard*

Defiance Single Vineyard Pinot Noir 2019

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 Defiance Pinot Noir grows on two blocks on our Defiance vineyard chosen for the quality of soils and underlying gravels. We have five clones of Pinot Noir planted in the vineyard and each vintage of Defiance Pinot Noir can be selected from a few or all of these.

The Wine

Our Defiance Pinot Noir is a single vineyard expression of the site where the grapes are grown. It is produced in limited quantities each vintage from a selection of barrels which we believe best represent that vintage. We want our Pinots to reflect the vintage, allowing them freedom of expression so that each vintage is embraced as a unique event.

The grapes (clones 943, 113, 115 and Abel) were hand harvested on 2nd, 3rd and 7th April 2019. The fruit was predominantly destemmed (16% was whole bunch pressed) into stainless steel tanks and fermented with indigenous yeasts. The wine was aged in French oak barriques for approximately 14 months, of which 28.5% was new oak.

Our 2019 Defiance Pinot Noir is ruby in colour with garnet hues. The wine has fragrant notes of boysenberry, blackberry, and dark plum on the nose, complemented by leather, liquorice, dark chocolate and a hint of truffle. The palate is silky with a lush entry of red stonefruit, dark plum, figs, coffee and chocolate. Concentrated, rich and complex, with fine grained tannins and a long black fruit finish.

Food match: rabbit, duck, lamb, or sip and contemplate by itself.

Variety	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Felton Road, Bannockburn
Vineyard	Defiance
Harvested at	2nd, 3rd and 7th April 2019
Alcohol	14.0%
Residual Sugar	Nil
pH	3.54
TA	5.46g/L

