



# DOMAIN ROAD

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## Defiance Chardonnay 2015

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' hot summers, followed by a cool dry autumn 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 between the 28th and 30th March 2015 from our Defiance vineyard. All the grapes were whole bunch pressed to tank before being transferred to French Oak Barriques for fermentation to dry. Aged in the oak barriques for 10 months this Chardonnay 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 stone fruit, pear and pineapple with hints of crème brûlée. The palate is dry with ripe peach, nectarine and pear together with citrus and spicy oak. The texture is creamy and mouth filling. A complex wine with balanced acidity, nice minerality and a long finish.

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| Variety        | 100% Chardonnay                 |
|                | Clones 1066, 809, and 548       |
| Appellation    | Central Otago                   |
| Sub Region     | Bannockburn                     |
| Vineyards      | Defiance Vineyard, Felton Road. |
| pH             | 3.36                            |
| TA             | 5.5g/l                          |
| Harvested at   | 28th - 30th March 2015          |
| Residual Sugar | Nil                             |
| Alcohol        | 14%                             |
| Fining Agent   | Nil                             |

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