



DOMAIN ROAD

vineyard

Defiance Chardonnay 2016

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 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 on the 23th and 24th March 2016 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 French oak barriques (29% new) 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 baked pears, apricot, nectarines and butterscotch with a hint of vanilla and spice. The palate is dry with sweet pear, nectarine, vanilla and biscuit with a touch of cinnamon. A well rounded and complex wine with balanced acidity, nice minerality and a long crème brûlée finish.

Variety	100% Chardonnay
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Bannockburn
Vineyard	Defiance
pH	3.24
TA	5.56g/l
Harvested Date	23rd and 24th March 2016
Residual Sugar	Fermented Dry
Alcohol	13%
Fining Agent	None
Clones	1066, 548, 809

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