



Pinot Noir 2016

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 were hand harvested on the 29th March – 13th April 2016 from Domain Road and Defiance vineyards. The fruit was predominantly destemmed (4% was whole bunch pressed) into tanks for fermentation before being transferred to French oak barriques (27% new) for approximately 10 months where it underwent malolactic fermentation.

Our Pinot Noir has fragrant lifted aromas of blackcurrant, cherry and violets, with a hint of spice and vanilla. The palate has rich dark fruits at the front with black plum, ripe blackberry and vanilla at the finish with a hint of chocolate and spice. A complex, concentrated wine with ample fine tannins and a long finish.

Variety	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Bannockburn
Vineyards	Domain Road & Defiance
pH	3.57
Harvested	29 March - 13 April 2016
TA	5.38g/L
Alcohol	13.0%

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