



DOMAIN ROAD

vineyard

Defiance Chardonnay 2020

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 Steven Crosbie. 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 Chardonnay grows in three blocks on our Defiance vineyard chosen for the quality of soils and underlying gravels. The clones we chose (809, 1066 and 548) are the three great clones used by the French Grand Crus of Corton-Charlemagne - considered to represent some of the finest white burgundies. These three clones are designed for blending, with 548 and 1066 producing full bodied wines with complex aromas, the addition of 5 - 10% of 809 provides muscat aromas and a fine well balanced structure.

The Wine

The grapes were hand harvested on 9th, 11th, and 12th of April 2020 from our Defiance vineyard. The grapes were whole bunch pressed to tank before being transferred to French oak barriques for barrel fermentation. Aged in the oak barriques for 9 months (23% new oak) the wine underwent malolactic fermentation and was regularly lees stirred, with 100% of the wine completing malo-lactic fermentation.

Our Chardonnay is dry in style, and pale lemon with clear hues in colour. The nose has fragrant aromas of nectarine, peach, melon, potpourri, sweet spice, brioche and honeysuckle. The succulent palate is dry with ripe sweet peach, biscuit, toffee, char and good minerality. A complex and mouth filling wine with a long sweet stonefruit finish.

Food match: Firm flesh fish or seafood and subtly flavoured, simply seasoned poultry or pork dishes.

Variety	100% Chardonnay
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Bannockburn
Vineyard	Defiance
Harvested at	9th, 11th & 12th April 2020
Alcohol	14.0%
Residual Sugar	Nil
pH	3.43
TA	5.66g/L

