

Alexandra Wine Company

Davishon Pinot Noir 2013



ALEXANDRA WINE COMPANY

The Davishon Vineyard is situated on the terrace above the Clutha River between Alexandra and Clyde in Central Otago. Grapes have been growing here for 130 years. Jean Desire Ferauds produced the first grapes in Central Otago here in the 1860's. He could see that the hot summer days and relatively cool nights would produce world class wines. Soils are free draining river gravels and the summer/autumn rainfall is very low. The philosophy of viticulturist and winemaker is low volume/high quality "to produce the best Pinot Noir possible!"

The label shows a gold stylised Central Otago schist rock (made famous in scenes from the Lord of Rings) depicting the dry harsh environments and the history of gold in the valleys and mountains of the region.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Davishon Vineyard is trellised on a Geneva double curtain and spur pruned to 10 shoots per metre. It is extensively thinned to 6 tonnes per hectare and harvested by hand. Each clone of fruit was harvested separately and kept separate at all stages of vinification.

The fruit (clones 5 & 115) was harvested on 7 & 8 April 2013 and destemmed into a 4T stainless steel tank to undergo a brief period of cold soak, before being inoculated with a selected wine yeast to carry out the fermentation. The wine was aged in French Oak barriques for approximately 10 months, of which 25% was new oak.

WINE ANALYSIS

Brix 24

Alcohol 13.1%

pH 3.55

Total Acidity 6.0g/L

Harvest Date 7 & 8th April 2013

Bottling Date 31.03.13

TASTING NOTES

Dark purple with purple hues. Dark cherry and blackcurrant fruit on the nose, with aromas of dried herbs, cloves and spicy oak. Sweet red and dark fruit on the palate, with some liquorice and spice. A medium bodied wine, showing complexity and good concentration, with supple, fine grained tannin and a long mineral finish.