

Alexandra Wine Company

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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 wines 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. The fruit was hand harvested on 18 April 2015 at 21.9 brix and was whole bunch pressed to tank. The juice was inoculated with a selected wine yeast and fermented in a stainless steel tank to retain the varietal/ fruity characteristics. The fermentation was stopped, retaining around 5.6g/L of residual sugar.

WINE ANALYSIS

Brix 22.9

Alcohol 13%

pH 3.3

Total Acidity 5g/L

Residual Sugar 5.6g/l

Harvest Date 18.4.15

Bottling Date 25.8.15

TASTING NOTES

Pale straw with clear hues. Fragrant aromas of spiced pear, quince and stone fruit on the nose with a touch of florals. Sweet ripe pear and nectarine flavours on the palate with some citrus and spice. A dry style wine which is medium bodied with a rounded, textural mouth feel supported by a backbone of acidity balancing the fruit sweetness. Long and lingering on the finish.