

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 Pinot Noir possible!" The vines are grown on a Geneva Double Curtain exposing fruit well and producing unique flavours.

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

The fruit (clone 5, 10/5 & 115) was hand harvested on 13, 15 and 18 April 2017. The fruit was destemmed into stainless steel tanks before being inoculated with selected wine yeasts to carry out the fermentation. The wine was aged in French Oak barriques for approximately 10 months, of which 28% was new oak.

WINE ANALYSIS

Brix 24

Alcohol 13%

pH 3.65

Harvest Date 13th, 15th and 18th April 2017

Bottling Date 23rd Feb 2018

TASTING NOTES

Deep purple with purple pink hues.

The nose shows vibrant florals, raspberry and strawberry with spice and smokey oak.

The palate is fruit driven showing hints cherry, plum and blackberry with black pepper and dark chocolate notes. Bright acidity and a touch of minerality are coupled with fine grained tannins. The wine finishes with a long, sweet red fruit flourish.

GOLD 96 Points – Premium Selection, New World Wine Awards 2018