

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 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 (clone 5, 10/5 & 115) was harvested on 6 & 7 April 2014 and destemmed into 2 x 5T and 1 x 4T 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 31% was new oak.

WINE ANALYSIS

Brix 24

Alcohol 13%

pH 3.62

Total Acidity 5.83g/L

Harvest Date 6 & 7.4.14

Bottling Date 31.3.15

TASTING NOTES

Deep purple with purple hues. Perfumed on the nose with aromas of plum, cherry and violets, with hints of mushroom, leather and spice. Sweet red and black cherry flavours show on the palate together with savoury mushroom and tobacco. A medium bodied, complex wine which has ample fine grained, mouth coating tannin and a long lingering finish.

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