

Alexandra Wine Company FERAUDS CHARDONNAY 2018



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 1960'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 quality 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

The climate is characterised by hot summer days and relatively cool nights with diurnal ranges of up to 26 degrees Celsius. 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 28th March 2018 and was whole bunch pressed to tank. The juice was then transferred to French oak barriques to undergo fermentation in barrel, with a small portion fermented in tank. The juice was inoculated with a selected wine yeast and fermented to dry in barrels. The wine was aged in oak for approximately 10 months during which time it was regularly lees stirred and 50% of the wine underwent malo-lactic fermentation. The overall new oak portion is around 43%.

Winemaker—Pip Battley, Vinpro

WINE ANALYSIS

Brix 23.1

Alcohol 14.2%

pH 3.39

Total Acidity 5.22g/L

Harvest Date 28.3.2018

Bottling Date 15.2.2019

Tasting Notes:

It's generously expressed on the nose showing grilled peach, baked fig, vanillin oak and brioche characters. The palate displays excellent weight and roundness, combined with creamy texture and well-pitched acidity, finishing long and delectable.

5 stars, 93 points, Sam Kim, Wine Orbit Review