



DOMAIN ROAD *vineyard*

Defiance Single Vineyard Pinot Noir 2016

Domain Road Vineyard is a small producer of premium wines in Bannockburn, Central Otago, New Zealand. Two vineyards, one on Domain Road and the other on Felton Road are hand tended by a small team under the leadership of Fiona Johnman. Bannockburn's hot summers, followed by a cool dry autumn allows the grapes to reach optimum maturity prior to harvest.

Our vineyards embrace the past, making the most of the soils and unique clays left exposed by miners searching for gold as well as the areas passed over and left untouched. Our Defiance Pinot Noir grows on two blocks on our Defiance vineyard chosen for the quality of soils and underlying gravels. We have five clones of Pinot Noir planted in the vineyard and each vintage of Defiance Pinot Noir can be selected from just a few or all of these.

The Wine

Our Defiance Pinot Noir is a single vineyard expression of the site where the grapes are grown. It is produced in limited quantities each vintage.

The grapes were carefully hand harvested between the 29th March and 13th April 2016, and were predominantly destemmed with 15% whole bunch fermented. After initial fermentation the wine is pressed off into French oak barriques (of which 29% were new) for malolactic fermentation and aging for a further 10 months

Our 2016 Defiance Pinot Noir is dark purple with purple hues. The wine has fragrant notes of violet, chocolate and tobacco with hints of cinnamon, musk, caramel and blackberry. The palate is weighty and tactile with sweet bright ripe flavours of blackberry, cherry, clove, coffee and chocolate. A complex and weighty wine with our signature fine tannins and good persistence and minerality on the finish.

Food match: rabbit, duck, lamb, or sip and contemplate by itself.

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| Variety | 100% Pinot Noir |
| Appellation | Central Otago |
| Sub Region | Felton Road, Bannockburn |
| Vineyard | Defiance |
| pH | 3.45 |
| TA | 5.75g/L |
| Harvested | 29th March - 13th April 2016 |
| Alcohol | 13.5% |
| Fining | None |

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