



DOMAIN ROAD *vineyard*

Pinot Noir 2018

A sheltered valley in one of New Zealand's best wine-growing regions is where Domain Road Vineyard calls home.

Domain Road Vineyard, owned and run by the Crosbie family, 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 cool dry autumns allow the grapes to reach optimum maturity prior to harvest.

Gold miners have left their mark on the Central Otago landscape, altering the profiles of the surrounding hills and valleys in their search for the elusive metal. Our Pinot Noir vines grow on a rare Bannockburn site untouched by miners, and delivers a complexity that truly reflects the unique location of the vineyard.

The Wine

The grapes from both the Domain Road and Defiance Vineyards were hand harvested between the 20th – 24th March 2018. The fruit was destemmed into stainless steel tanks and inoculated with selected yeasts to carry out the fermentation. The wine was aged in French oak barriques (27% new) for approximately 10 months.

Our Pinot Noir has fragrant aromas of red cherry, dark plum, blackberry, violets, leather and spice. The palate is rich and concentrated with dark red fruits and hints of tobacco and coffee. A complex, concentrated wine with ample velvety tannins, a lovely mineral acidity and a very long finish.

Variety	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Felton Road, Bannockburn
Vineyard	Domain Road & Defiance
pH	3.63
TA	6.18g/L
Harvested	20th - 24th March 2018
Alcohol	13.5%
Fining	Egg whites

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