



DOMAIN ROAD *vineyard*

Defiance Single Vineyard Pinot Noir 2017

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 cool dry autumns allow 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 30th March and 4th April 2017, and were predominantly destemmed with 10% whole bunch fermented. After initial fermentation the wine was pressed off into French oak barriques (of which 29% were new) for malolactic fermentation and aging for a further 10 months

Our 2017 Defiance Pinot Noir is very dark purple with purple hues. The wine has fragrant notes of violet, potpourri, red cherry, raspberry and black pepper. The palate is black and broody with ripe fruits, leather, earthy notes, tobacco, violets and spice. A complex wine with nice acidity and ample fine grain tannins with a long persistent finish.

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

Variety	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Felton Road, Bannockburn
Vineyard	Defiance
pH	3.58
TA	5.68g/L
Harvested	30th March - 4th April 2017
Alcohol	13.0%
Fining	Egg whites

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