

Domain Road Pinot Noir 2018

The Story

Domain Road Vineyard, owned by Graeme and Gillian Crosbie, specializes in award-winning cool climate wines. From grapes grown in the heart of Central Otago wine country, they produce Pinot Noir, Pinot Noir Rosé, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, and Pinot Gris wines. Dedication to excellence combined with a traditional approach means Domain Road Vineyard's wines are now nationally and internationally recognized.

The Vineyard

The Pinot Noir vines grow on two rare Bannockburn sites untouched by miners. For almost 100 years fruit was grown on the Domain Road site, peaches, pears and apples originally and then apricots at a later stage. It has been said that if you can grow apricots then you can also grow great Pinot Noir and this has certainly been the case at Domain Road. The second vineyard, Defiance on Felton Road is considered to be one of the prime sites in this well-known location. The Pinot Noir vines from these two sites deliver a complexity that reflect the unique location of the vineyards.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand harvested between 20th - 24th March 2018 from Domain Road and Defiance vineyards. The fruit was de-stemmed into stainless steel tanks and inoculated with selected wine yeast to carry out the fermentation. The wine was aged in French oak barriques for approximately 10 months, of which 27% was new oak.

Tasting Note

Deep purple and fragrant, with red cherry, dark plums, blackberry, violets, leather and spice on the nose. 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.

Alcohol Percentage	13.5%
Residual Sugar	Dry
T.A.	6.18 g/L
Aging Potential	7+ years



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