

Alexandra Wine Company

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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 18 April 2015 at 22.1 brix and was gently whole bunch pressed to 6 French Oak barriques to undergo barrel fermentation. The juice was inoculated with a selected wine yeast and fermented to dry in barrels. The wine was aged in oak for approximately 9 months during which time it underwent malo-lactic fermentation and was regularly lees stirred. The overall new oak portion is around 40%.

Winemaker—Pete Bartle, Vinpro

WINE ANALYSIS

Brix 22.1

Alcohol 13.7%

pH 3.39

Total Acidity 5.22g/L

Harvest Date 18.4.15

Bottling Date 5.2.16

Tasting Notes:

Pale straw with clear hues. Aromas of Creme Brulee, butterscotch and stone fruit on the nose with hints of char and nutty oak. Flavours of stone fruit, coconut and melon show on the palate with some nut and citrus characters. A dry wine with a creamy texture, which is rounded on the mid-palate with a balanced acidity and good length on the finish.