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Alexandra Wine Company Ferauds Chardonnay 2004



Product Information:

Appellation:	Central Otago, New Zealand
Vineyard:	Davishon Vineyard; Crag an Oir Estate Vineyard
Harvest Date:	5/3/04
Bottling Date:	2/14/05
Brix:	23.0
pH:	3.25
T.A:	9.0 g/L
Alc:	14.0%
Closure:	Stelvin
Cellaring:	3 to 5 years

Winemakers Notes:

The 2004 season was an exceptional vintage, long and warm with cool nights. The grapes are grown on two vineyards: Davishon Vineyard and Crag an Oir Estate in Alexandra, Central Otago. Soils are free-draining river gravels and the summer/autumn rainfall is low. 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. Crag an Oir Estate vineyard is on a VSP trellis and the Chardonnay is spur pruned. Each clone of fruit was harvested separately and kept separate at all stages of vinification. The pressed fruit was left to ferment in French Oak barrels (20% new), and left to go through malolactic in the spring. The batches were blended together pre-bottling, fined and coarsely filtered prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes:

Ripely fragrant Central Otago wine with strong toasty oak aromas. Full bodied, with rich fruit characters, complexity and a rounded creamy texture.

Awards:

Silver – Bragato Wine Awards, New Zealand

Supplier Information:

Alexandra Wine Company is nestled amongst the dry thyme covered hills of Alexandra, Central Otago, on the South Island of New Zealand. The climate is characterised by hot summer days and relatively cool nights with diurnal ranges of up to 26 degrees Celsius. Alexandra's commitment to creating craft, small batch wines have garnered them numerous awards and accolades, earning a place amongst the most revered boutique wineries in the area.