



Provenance

Vineyard Location :

Through a 400,000 year journey from the glacial ice fields of Central Otago the Clutha river laden with sediments from huge glaciers deposited outwash gravels near Clyde. These ancient outwash gravels and minerals exude the appellations that distinguish the Drumsara Wines fingerprint.

The Name Drumsara...where did it come from ? :

Drumsara is a Townland in County Derry, Ireland. The name was carried by the Johnstone family to Australia to their sugar plantation at Mossman, near Port Douglas in Far North Queensland. John & Audrey Matheson became good friends of the present owners of this plantation...and they too were captured by the name so they took it on a journey to New Zealand to share with you !

Ventifacts Block :

What is Ventifacts ? "ventus" derived from meaning wind, ventifacts are rock formations found in Antarctica, on Mars and in the Drumsara Vineyard. The Drumsara Ventifacts is a glacial rock that was shaped by the 300mph late afternoon winds that rushed down the Otago glaciers picking up sand and sediments to shape the rocks to form Ventifacts

The Wine Maker A Wine Making Lineage since 1537 :

The Australian-born Gerald Rowland holds a degree from Roseworthy College, South Australia specializing in viticulture and enology, with further studies at University of California. He began his career with B. Seppelts and Sons, Barossa Valley, where he contributed his expertise for six years. His introduction to Napa Valley winemaking came in 1987 at Stags Leap Winery. This was followed by an eight year tenure as assistant winemaker at Chappellet winery. There he developed his expertise dealing with mountainside fruit. In 1997, Rowland devoted his full time to his own venture, while also acting as consulting winemaker for other boutique wineries. Rowland designed and refined tools for winemaking, such tools can be found in most West Coast USA wineries. Winemaking and grape growing are in Gerry's Rowland's blood. In 1537, his German ancestors first put the family crest on a wine label, and brokered it throughout Europe. Rowland was raised in the Barossa Valley, where his father farmed grapes. In 1997 Rowland joined William Hill Winery in Alexandra as consultant wine maker.