



DOMAIN ROAD

vineyard

Sauvignon Blanc 2015

Domain Road has two vineyards in the heart of the historic gold mining area of Bannockburn. Domain Road Vineyard covers most of a sheltered north-facing valley on the upper terraces above the Kawarau River with Defiance Vineyard on a gently sloping, north facing site on Felton Road. The unique terroir with unusual soils and distinctive micro-climate make this old gold mining area ideal for producing premium cold climate wines.

Sauvignon Blanc vines are planted in three locations, on Templar's Hill, untouched by the 19th Century gold miners, on Doctor's Flat, where mining has exposed rich mineral clays atop an ancient lake bed and on a corner of Defiance with clay based soils.

The Wine

The grapes were hand harvested on 24th and 31st March 2015 from our vineyards on Felton Road and Domain Road. The fruit from Defiance vineyard (Felton Road) was whole bunch pressed and transferred to seven French Oak barriques to undergo barrel fermentation and lees maturation for 3 months.

The fruit from Domain Road vineyard was destemmed and crushed before being pressed to tank for fermentation. A touch of residual sugar has been retained to provide balance and poise to the natural acidity of the wine and then blended with the barrel component of the wine.

The colour of pale straw our Sauvignon Blanc is a dry style, complex and mouth filling with a crisp background of acidity, balanced against a touch of fruit sweetness. Aromas of passionfruit and citrus, alongside hints of gooseberry, are noticeable on the nose. Complemented by flavours of ripe citrus, passionfruit and stone fruit on the palate and a long, clean finish.

Food matches: Fish and seafood

Variety	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Bannockburn
pH	3.15
TA	6.88g/L
Harvested at	March 2015
Residual Sugar	4.2g/L
Alcohol	13.5%

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