



## Sauvignon Blanc 2011

A sheltered north-facing valley on the upper terraces above the Kawarau River at Bannockburn is home to Domain Road Vineyard. The unique terroir with unusual soils and distinctive micro-climate make this old gold mining area ideal for producing premium cool climate wines.

Sauvignon Blanc vines are planted in two locations – on Templar’s Hill, untouched by the 19th century gold miners and on Doctor’s Flat, where mining has exposed rich mineral clays atop a 10-million year old lake bed.

## The Wine

Harvested in early April 2011, the grapes were whole bunch pressed. Three-quarters of the juice was fermented in stainless steel and the remainder in French oak barriques. A touch of residual sugar was retained by halting the fermentation process.

Complex aromas of passionfruit, stonefruit and gooseberry dominate, with hints of black currant. Intense flavours of gooseberry and passionfruit combine with good weight on the mid-palate and an attractive minerality on the finish.

Variety	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Bannockburn
pH	3.25
TA	6.8g/L
Residual Sugar	4.8g/L
Alcohol	13.5%

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