



Sauvignon Blanc 2012

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

The grapes were hand harvested in two portions during April 2012. The first portion (68%) was destemmed and crushed before pressing. Once inoculated with wine yeasts, a portion was transferred to French Oak Barriques to barrel ferment, while the remainder underwent fermentation in stainless steel tanks. The second portion (32%) was whole bunch pressed and the juice fermented in stainless steel tank. Once blended, a touch of residual sugar was retained to balance the natural acidity of the wine.

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	3.18
TA	7.5g/L
Residual Sugar	4.4g/L
Alcohol	13%

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