



# DOMAIN ROAD *vineyard*

## Sauvignon Blanc 2017

Domain Road has two vineyards in the heart of the historic gold mining area of Bannockburn. Domain Road Vineyard covers most of a small 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 cool 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 vineyard that has predominantly clay based soils.

## The Wine

The grapes were hand harvested between 9th and 19th April 2017 from Domain Road and Defiance vineyards. A portion of the fruit was whole bunch pressed and the rest was de-stemmed and crushed to press. The resulting pressed juice was cold settled for two days before racking and inoculating with selected yeast. Slightly over half the juice was stainless tank fermented with the remainder undergoing barrel fermentation in French oak barriques (one new barrel). The barrel portion was lees stirred to help give the wine roundness and complexity.

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 gooseberries, citrus, pear, capsicum and a touch of fresh herbs and pepper are noticeable on the nose. Complemented by flavours of melon, nectarine and passionfruit on the palate and a long, clean finish.

Food matches: Seafood

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| Variety     | 100% Sauvignon Blanc   |
| Appellation | Central Otago          |
| Sub Region  | Bannockburn            |
| Vineyards   | Domain Road & Defiance |
| pH          | 3.16                   |
| Harvested   | 9-19 April 2017        |
| TA          | 2.7g/L                 |
| Alcohol     | 13.0%                  |

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