



DOMAIN ROAD *vineyard*

Sauvignon Blanc 2018

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 6th and 19th March 2018 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 under half the juice was stainless steel tank fermented with the balance undergoing barrel fermentation in French oak barriques (one new barrel). The barrel portion was lees stirred weekly to give the wine volume, roundness and complexity.

The colour of pale straw our Sauvignon Blanc is dry in style, complex and mouth filling. Aromas of gooseberries, nettle, melon, tropical fruit and citrus blossom are noticeable on the nose. Balanced acidity ensures a crisp focused palate, with good minerality and flavours of sweet ripe passionfruit and citrus. The finish is long and clean.

Food matches: Fish and seafood

Variety	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Bannockburn
Vineyards	Domain Road & Defiance
pH	3.06
TA	7.05g/L
Harvested	March 2018
Residual Sugar	2.9g/L
Alcohol	13.5%

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