



## The Water Race - Dry Riesling 2010

Domain Road Vineyard nestles in a small sheltered valley within the township of Bannockburn, Central Otago, New Zealand. Sheltered from winds and frost, our Riesling vines are planted in the lower region of the vineyard where 19th century gold miners have exposed an area of mineral rich 'pipe clay' — the remnants of a 10 million year old lake bed.

Used by gold miners to transport water over long distances, water races are a significant feature in the Central Otago landscape. Dug by hand using picks and shovels, they follow the contours of the hills transporting the much prized water from its source to where it is needed. As land uses have changed over the years, water races continue to play a role in providing water to our dry land, supporting farming, orchards, and now viticulture.

## The Wine

The fruit was harvested on 20 April 2010, and two bins were destemmed and left on skins for about ½ hour to increase skin contact, before whole bunch pressing. The juice underwent a slow, cool fermentation to retain the varietal fruit characteristics and the ferment was stopped to retain just a touch of residual sugar.

The Water Race — Dry Riesling shows poise and balance; lemon and lime aromas, hints of stonefruit and honey on the palate, and a good persistence on the finish.

Variety	100% Riesling
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Bannockburn
Ph	3.0
TA	7.9g/l
Residual Sugar	7g/l
Alcohol	13.5% by volume
Brix	23.6

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