



# DOMAIN ROAD *vineyard*

## Duffers Creek Riesling 2017

A 10-million year old lake bed provides the mineral-rich 'pipe clay' soil on which the Riesling vines thrive. Exposed by the 19th century gold miners working in the valleys around Bannockburn, the unique soil combines with the micro-climate to provide perfect grape growing conditions.

The wine takes its name from a small creek tucked away in the Bannockburn hills which flows down into the valley. An old stone cottage surrounded by towering poplars gives a glimpse of life as it was lived in gold-fever times. Nowadays, the cottage has been renovated and has provided the backdrop to many happy Crosbie family camping holidays.

### The Wine

Hand harvested between April 9th and April 20th 2017. The fruit was whole bunch pressed to a stainless steel tank for cold settling for two days before undergoing fermentation. The cool fermentation was stopped to retain an off dry sweetness level.

Pale straw in colour our Duffers Creek Riesling provides aromas of orange, apricot, melon, and citrus blossom with hints of pear, cinnamon, aniseed and honey on the nose. Orange, tangelo, lemon and honey dominate on the palate with a touch of lime and ginger. An off-dry style wine with a lush mid palate, balanced acidity and a long textural finish.

A softer, more mellow and richer wine than our dry Riesling it provides an interesting contrast in styles.

Food match: Thai Green Curry

Variety	100% Riesling
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Bannockburn
Vineyards	Domain Road & Defiance
pH	2.88
Harvested	April 2017
TA	7.88g/L
Alcohol	11.0%

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