



DOMAIN ROAD

vineyard

The Water Race - Dry Riesling 2017

Located in an historic gold mining area, Domain Road has two vineyards. On Domain Road Vineyard the Riesling vines are planted on top of the remnants of an old lake bed. The second block on Defiance Vineyard (on Felton Road) is a corner block with predominantly clay based soils.

While working the area, 19th century gold miners exposed the mineral-rich 'pipe clay' which adds distinction to our Water Race Dry Riesling. In order to transport water around the gold fields networks of water races were dug by hand using picks and shovels. Following the contours of the hills these water races still provide irrigation to this dry area to support farming, orchards and vineyards.

The Wine

The grapes were hand harvested from Domain Road and Defiance Vineyards on April 9th and 20th 2017. The fruit was whole bunch pressed to stainless steel tanks and cold settled for two days before undergoing fermentation. The cool fermentation was stopped to retain a touch of residual sweetness for balance.

Pale straw with clear hues, our Water Race Riesling is a dry style wine with a crisp acidity balanced with a hint of fruit sweetness. Aromas of citrus, melon and peach with stone fruit and ginger dominate on the nose with hints of grapefruit and honey. Lemon, lime, apricot and flint show on the palate. The wine shows steely acidity and minerality leading to a long finish.

An excellent food wine, full of flavour, so it can hold its own against quite strong flavoured cuisine. Also excellent with fish and seafood.

Canberra International Riesling Challenge - Trophy, Best Dry Riesling
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Variety	100% Riesling
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Bannockburn
Vineyards	Domain Road & Defiance
pH	2.88
TA	7.86g/L
Harvested	April 2017
Residual Sugar	5.5g/L
Alcohol	11.5%

