



The Water Race - Dry Riesling 2019

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 1st and 16th April 2019. The fruit was whole bunch pressed to stainless steel tanks and cold settled for two days. The juice was then racked and inoculated with selected wine yeast. The cool fermentation was stopped to retain a touch of residual sweetness for balance.

Pale lemon with green hues, our Water Race Riesling is a dry style wine with a crisp acidity balanced with a hint of fruit sweetness. Fragrant with lemon zest, sherbet, apricot, peach and orange blossom on the nose. Intense and racy with pineapple and grapefruit showing on the palate. Concentrated and long with balanced acidity, good minerality and a lovely textural finish.

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

Variety	100% Riesling
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Bannockburn
Vineyards	Domain Road & Defiance
Harvested	1st & 16th April 2019
pH	2.82
TA	8.11g/L
Residual Sugar	6g/L
Alcohol	12%