



# DOMAIN ROAD

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## The Water Race - Dry Riesling 2020

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 Defiance Vineyard on 9th April 2020. The fruit was destemmed and crushed before being 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 to balance the acidity.

Pale lemon with lemon hues, our Water Race Riesling is a dry style wine with a bright acidity balanced with good fruit sweetness. Fragrant with tropical fruits, stonefruit, lime zest, sherbet, green apple, nettle and a hint of honeysuckle on the nose. Intense and racy with crisp apple, lime, tangelo, kiwifruit, rosehip and pink grapefruit showing on the palate. A beautifully balanced wine, with a long mineral and citrus 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
Vineyard	Defiance
Harvested at	9th April 2020
Alcohol	12.5%
Residual Sugar	7.7g/L
pH	2.9
TA	9.35g/L

