



DOMAIN ROAD

vineyard

The Water Race - Dry Riesling 2016

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 between March 31st and 7th April 2016. The fruit was whole bunch pressed to stainless steel tanks and cold settled for two days before undergoing fermentation. The 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. The nose has a fragrant medley of citrus: lemon, lime and orange blossom. Lemon, lime, elderberry, nectarine, apricot and honey show on the palate. The wine is mouth filling with crisp acidity that sits well with its complexity.

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

Variety	100% Riesling
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Bannockburn
Vineyards	Domain Road & Defiance
pH	2.87
TA	8.94g/L
Harvested	March / April 2016
Residual Sugar	9.1g/L
Alcohol	11.0%

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