



## Sauvignon Blanc 2016

Domain Road has two vineyards in the heart of the historic gold mining area of Bannockburn. Domain Road Vineyard covers most of a sheltered north-facing valley on the upper terraces above the Kawarau River with Defiance Vineyard on a gently sloping, north facing site on Felton Road. The unique terroir with unusual soils and distinctive micro-climate make this old gold mining area ideal for producing premium cold climate wines.

Sauvignon Blanc vines are planted in three locations, on Templar's Hill, untouched by the 19th Century gold miners, on Doctor's Flat, where mining has exposed rich mineral clays atop an ancient lake bed and on a corner of Defiance with clay based soils.

## The Wine

The grapes have been hand harvested between 30th March and 15th April 2016. After de-stemming and lightly crushing, the grapes were pressed before cold settling for 2 days. 22% was transferred to French Oak barriques to barrel ferment and then lees stirred weekly. The rest of the wine was fermented in closed top stainless steel fermenters. A touch of residual sugar has been retained to provide balance and poise to the natural acidity of the wine. Both wines are blended back together before bottling as a single wine.

The colour of pale straw our Sauvignon Blanc is a dry style complex wine with a mouth filling creamy texture, balanced acidity and a long crisp finish. Aromas of passion fruit, melon, citrus and vanilla bean. The palate displays white stone fruit, citrus, and tropical fruits, and has mouth filling complexity and a long lingering finish.

Food matches: Fish and seafood

Variety	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Bannockburn
Vineyards	Domain Road & Defiance
pH	3.25
TA	5.86g/L
Harvested Date	30th March - 15th April 2016
Residual Sugar	1.5g/L
Alcohol	13%
Fining	None

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