

Domain Road Sauvignon Blanc 2017

The Story

Domain Road Vineyard, owned by Graeme and Gillian Crosbie, specializes in award-winning cool climate wines. From grapes grown in the heart of Central Otago wine country, they produce Pinot Noir, Pinot Noir Rosé, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, and Pinot Gris wines. Dedication to excellence combined with a traditional approach means Domain Road Vineyard's wines are now nationally and internationally recognised.

The Vineyard

Domain Road has two vineyards in the heart of the historic gold mining area of Bannockburn. Domain Road Vineyard covers most of the 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 Sauvignon Blanc vines are planted in three locations, on the top of Templers Hill, an area left untouched by 19th century gold miners, on Doctors Flat where mining has exposed mineral-rich clays from a 8-15 million year old lake bed and on a corner of Defiance with clay based soils.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand harvested between 9th & 19th April 2017 from Domain Road and Defiance vineyards. A portion of the fruit was whole bunch pressed and the rest was de-stemmed and crush to press. The resulting juice was cold settled for two days before racking and inoculating with selected yeast. Slightly over half the juice was tank fermented with the remainder undergoing barrel fermentation in French oak barriques (one new barrel). The barrel portion was lees stirred to help give the wine roundness and complexity.

Tasting Note

The colour of pale straw, our Sauvignon Blanc is a dry style, complex and mouth filling wine. A crisp background of acidity balances against a touch of fruit sweetness. Aromas of gooseberries, citrus, pear, capsicum and a touch of fresh herbs and pepper are noticeable on the nose. Complemented by flavours of melon, nectarine and passionfruit on the palate and a long clean finish.

Alcohol Percentage	13%
Residual Sugar	2.7 g/L
T.A.	6.86 g/L
Aging Potential	7+ years



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