



# DOMAIN ROAD

Vineyard

## The Water Race - Dry Riesling 2022

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 19th and 20th April 2022. 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 to balance the acidity.

Pale straw with clear hues, our Water Race Riesling is a dry style wine with a bright acidity balanced with good fruit sweetness. Fragrant with orange blossom, ripe pear, lemon sorbet and elderflower on the nose. It has a crisp acidity with citrus, lime and honeysuckle showing on the palate. A beautifully balanced wine, the finish is dry with a flinty minerality.

Food match: An excellent food wine, it can hold its own against quite strongly flavoured cuisine. Excellent with fish and seafood as well as roasted vegetable salads and spicy lentil and black bean dahls.

Variety	100% Riesling
Appellation	Central Otago
Sub Region	Bannockburn
Vineyard	Defiance
Harvested at	19th & 20th April 2022
Alcohol	12.5%
Residual Sugar	11.5g/L
pH	2.95
TA	6.65g/L

