

# Aging wine

## building a fourth dimension

In the appreciation of wine, we always want more. We want to know details, experience the lifestyle, and be ahead of others in discovering future epiphanies. Many people understand the beauty, versatility and magic of Riesling freshly released from their favorite winery and currently on wine shelves. But few people understand what an older wine should taste like and the oohs and aahs of ultimate pleasure that result from the experience of drinking a bottle held by someone for years.

***"One of the dimensions of fine wine that is often overlooked is bottle development."***

**- Harry Peterson-Nedry**

As a wine ages, it gains a 4th Dimension. Restaurants rarely have cellars to supply an authentic Reserve List. Retail bottle shops often have wines no older than last week's delivery. Gone are the days when dust and cobwebs were wiped away to find a "special" wine for you in either place. Sadly, gone also is the ability to see a different spectrum of flavors, aromas, textures, and nuances found only in aged wines. But this doesn't have to be the case. RR wines were built to age gracefully. Delicious now, these bottles will only improve with time, as evidenced by the stunning array of library wines we've just released to the public.





## 2015 RR RIESLING

### Ridgecrest Vineyards

### Ribbon Ridge AVA

While we're not sure who dubbed Pinot Noir the "heartbreak grape", Does that make Chardonnay the love song? One could only assume. Riesling, on the other hand, is a crisply-delivered, brilliantly-worded "Dear John" letter. Read between the lines of that beautifully floral nose and you'll find layer upon layer of complex, thoughtful structure. It's the wine you need on hand when planning, or executing, your next brilliant move.

#### Vintage Notes

Here, have a cigar! We just had twins, one year apart. The 2015 vintage was slightly different in early growing season timing from 2014, but the final effect was the same, with big heat, big crop and big expectations. The acids are down, the alcohols are slightly over 14% on average and the work many did to minimize over-extraction resulted in more elegant wines than a hot vintage deserves. Similar to 2014. Also as in 2014, the fruit was impeccably clean and devoid of disease, with only a little sunburn being tossed from the sorting conveyor. Whites again look fully ripe, texturally rich, and yet balanced. Pinot noirs will rival 2014 for rave reviews.

#### Tasting Notes

A vigneronne's dream, the 2015 growing season got off to an early start, with bud break in mid-March. Perfect, and we mean purrrrrfect, weather ensued. Slow, steady ripening – just the kind we beg for – built layer upon layer of stellar flavor, and offered staying power in the form of perfectly-integrated, gentle acidity. Subtle daphne, wet stone and crisp pear vie for attention in the nose and on the tongue.

#### Technical Data

**Alcohol: 13.0%**

**TA: 5.6 g/L**

**pH: 3.25**

**RS: 17.0 g/L**

**85 cases produced**

**Release: March 2018**

**Enjoy: now - 2029 & beyond**

