



2014 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

2014 was one of those rare vintages that got everyone excited—writers and winemakers love the quality, grape growers had no handwringing to do and yields pleased bankers, which also means customers will see reasonable prices! Wine quality is excellent, based on full ripeness, probably the cleanest fruit we've seen in decades, and restrained extractions in fermentation to compensate for the warmest growing season on record assure balance. Despite the warmth of over 2800 degree days, driven by many very hot summer days (almost double the over 90F highs we've recently seen at 29) and warmer lows, good cropload balance and harvest timing gave reasonable alcohols, averaging just under 14%. Whites are lush and gorgeously fruited. Pinot noir colors are appropriately rich but not too deep, wines not tannic or over-extracted.

Tasting Notes

A sea breeze, crisp and bracing, gives way like soft rays of sunlight warming your tongue. Goosebumps of prickly acidity melt into orange flower, daphne, and wet rock. A white wine powerful and nuanced enough to last far beyond the welcome toast, deep into the main course (hmmm, gamebird would be lovely) and down to that last, soft crumble of Bleu d'Auvergne you picked up with the edge of your knife. As with each of the RR Wines, our Riesling was designed to improve with age (although there's certainly no crime in popping open a bottle now.)

Technical Data

Alcohol - 12.4%

TA - 7.0 g/L

pH - 3.05

RS - 8.5 g/L

85 cases produced

Release - March 2017

Enjoy - now - 2029 & beyond



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.

