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2020 RR Riesling

Estate Reserve
Ridgecrest Vineyards
Ribbon Ridge AVA
Willamette Valley
Oregon



Vintage Notes

Winemaking gets tested some years, like 2020. All the climate and grapegrowing underpinnings for greatness were there, but this time the test to the vintage was dealing with the Willamette Valley's first-time effects from wildfire.

And, we once again found that Place Matters. Distant wildfires had an impact on aromas, flavors and textures to varying degrees based on place. White wines were unscathed if made well, red wines benefited from a lighter touch in extraction and calling lucky sites, like Ribbon Ridge, home.

How great will 2020 be—close to perfect growing season, concentrated fruit from low yields—how a wisp of campfire is embraced maybe being the key? Grapegrowing is farming after all, winemaking an attempt at alchemy.

92 points - James Suckling

Winemaker Notes

This may be the sweetest-smelling, driest Riesling we've ever made. There's only half a gram per liter of sugar in this wine (perception on the palate is 5-6 grams per liter) but there is still lovely confectionery aromatics reminiscent of fresh marshmallow, white hard candy, tangerine, clover honey, and a warm spicy finish; think red-hots without the bite. There's a lovely slate/mineral clarity on the nose as well, like fresh clean linens, and it's all followed by a dry and fresh palate, great, lingering acid to finish, and the whole package smooth and integrated throughout.

Technical Data

AbV - 12.6% | TA - 8.3 g/L

pH - 3.03 | RS - 0.5 g/L

Clones - 9, 12 & 239 from Germany

Production - 72 cases

Release - April 2022

Enjoy - now - 2037



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 aged just for you.



Riesling Clone 9 - from Geisenheim in Germany and one of six clones we have planted in the Wind Ridge Block at Ridgecrest Vineyards.

Age-worthy wines from the first vines planted on Ribbon Ridge.

