

# RIBBON RIDGE

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## 2019 RR Riesling Estate Reserve Ridgecrest Vineyards Ribbon Ridge AVA Willamette Valley Oregon



### Vintage Notes

2019 was an old school Willamette Valley Harvest: watching weather reports, valuing coffee over beer, charging bird cannon batteries, and consoling old friends newly moved to Oregon from California. Chats, waiting to offload an ancient truck's fruit, were punctuated by *"cool growing season, early rains, hang time, sugar, birds, electric sunset, botrytis, more birds, sunny days are overrated anyway..."*

Despite an old-school vintage, the concentration, depth of flavor, color and structure of recent years all seem to be there. *And the old is new again!*

### 35th HARVEST ANNIVERSARY

### Winemaker Notes

Upon pouring this Riesling, we see a pale yellow to platinum color, smell fresh juicy pear and crème anglaise on the nose, with notes of fresh linens to white blossoms, and clean crisp pineapple. The nose is reminiscent of Turkish Delights, with the confectionary and yellow fruit aromas intermingled, but clean and crisp in its sweetness. The acid in 2019 is especially bright and mouthwatering, but doesn't detract from the smooth, silky palate. Although there is a sweet fruit aspect to the nose, the palate is dry and is more focused on the lovely, tight acid backbone, with a long, emollient finish. Wonderfully balanced, almost impossibly smooth for the racy acid it carries, we will all be tucking this vintage into our personal cellars to age for a while, and embracing the cooler "old-school Oregon" aspects of the 2019 vintage.

### Technical Data

**AbV** - 11.9% | **TA** - 8.4 g/L

**pH** - 3.03 | **RS** - 11.2 g/L

**Clones** - 100% Clone 9 from Germany

**Production** - 96 cases

**Release** - Nov 2021 | **Enjoy** - now - 2035



# 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 - one of six clones we have planted in the Wind Ridge Block at Ridgecrest Vineyards.

