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2021 RR Riesling

Estate Reserve
Ridgecrest Vineyards
Ribbon Ridge AVA
Willamette Valley
Oregon



Vintage Notes

2022 restores your faith in Mother Nature's capacity to take a poor start and finish well, grape plants revealing their inherent resilience to rebound from nearly disastrous weather events.

In late April, buds were open and vulnerable when a hard and killing freeze settled in. Normally, if vines are damaged, grapes rely on secondaries to replace primary buds. But, this time the extent of the damage was extensive, with secondaries damaged too, so that we anticipated only a yield of 40% of normal, approximately 1 ton per acre.

Growing season weather however cooperated to boost secondary and tertiary buds, with the third highest heat accumulation in 26 years, focused at the end of the growing season, October averaging highs of 72F, with nine days warmer than 80F.

Crop load yielded 85% of normal rather than 40% we feared. Whew!

Winemaker Notes

The first light in the glass shows a straw-yellow-hued wine with a lovely gold glint, and once you get your nose into the glass you feel awash in mature peach-apricot aromatics, lemongrass, and rosehips. The palate shows a beautiful structure of acid, great balance, and long finish, tinged with notes of paraffin, dusty fruit, baked apple, tangerine, and lime leaf. The palate is crisp and bright, shows a slight trace of residual sugar, and has final hints of lavender syrup, watermelon candy, and dusty rose.

This is the most truly age-able version of Ribbon Ridge Riesling, and not only will it get continue to evolve in the glass long after it is open, but it will continue to get better in the bottle - if you can stop yourself from opening them all.

Technical Data

AbV - 12.1% | **TA** - 8.2 g/L | **pH** - 3.09 | **RS** - 11.4 g/L

Aging - 5 months stainless steel

Clones - 9, 12 & 239 from Germany

Production - 79 cases

Release - April 2023

Enjoy - now - 2038



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 239 - 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.