



RIBBON RIDGE
WINERY



2021 RIDGECREST ESTATE DRY RIESLING

RIDGECREST VINEYARDS | RIBBON RIDGE AVA | WILLAMETTE VALLEY | OREGON

ABOUT THE VINEYARDS

Ridgecrest Vineyards is dry-farmed sustainably according to **LIVE** (Low Input Viticulture & Enology) standards.

Established - 1980 | Planted - 1982 - current
Elevation - 480 - 690ft | Acreage - 120 total | 41 planted

Of the 40 planted acres that constitute Ridgecrest Vineyards, less than 4 acres are Riesling. *Great things come in small packages!*

VINTAGE NOTES

2021 looks excellent - of course, through the smoky rearview of 2020, it isn't hard. Despite a growing season with searing heat spikes (116F), 2021 was a moderate vintage, beginning harvest the third earliest time in the last two decades, and ending in less than a month, October 5th. It was a "wait-until-they're ripe" vintage with a welcome splash of rain midway in September, after grapes were largely picked - just to prove we're Oregonians.

Based on full-ripeness AND generally very good acidity, 2021 may ultimately resemble 2018 in concentration, and 2008 in crop yield. Small and precise, leaving us wishing we had more to share.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The warmth of 2021 showed a lot of love for Riesling, which got a little riper than it normally does, but held on to some serious acid, giving us the flexibility to play around with balance and texture. This dry Riesling is skating the off-dry edge, with more density and slightly more RS than cooler years, so it comes off as fleshy ripe melon, yellow plum, with a soft and full texture on the palate. The stone fruit angle brings with it the pith of peach pit, spicy white pepper, baked apple skin, and a beautiful velour texture to finish. Racy acidity permeates the whole wine, leaving us yearning for spicy Thai food to pair, a sunny patio, and delightful company.

TECHNICAL DATA

AbV - 12.6% | **RS** - 18.3 g/L
TA - 8.2 g/L | **pH** - 3.09

AGING - 5 months stainless steel

PRODUCTION - 135 cases

RELEASE - APRIL 2022

ENJOY - NOW - 2030+





A dad, a daughter, and a hill.



Harry Peterson-Nedry | Founder

When we first set foot on Ribbon Ridge in 1980, we knew it was something special. There was an indefinable magic to the place, in the low-slung, rolling hills that rise and fall like the breath of a slumbering child. It was undeniably alive, and bursting with potential.

In 1980 folks thought we were just plain nuts to plant wine grapes on that chilly rise located on the western edge of the Willamette Valley. The common thought at the time was that the site was situated too far west for grapes - too windy, too foggy, too cool.

We naively followed our gut, planting the first vineyard on what would one day become one of the premier wine appellations in Oregon, the Ribbon Ridge AVA. Ridgecrest Vineyards did not disappoint. Early barrel samples were encouraging. We studied it, continued to plant, and dug deeply.

Crafting our cellar-worthy RR wines since 2002, we know these vineyards – the ins and outs, strengths, and peculiarities of each and every block. We've done our homework.

Now, it's recess. We're ready to come out and play.*

Our new RIDGECREST label allows us to do just that – to experiment with all of those blocks, lots, and barrels that beg our attention every harvest – the ones we are loathe to blend with others, because they are just so damned intriguing. Pinot Noir will be the mainstay, with supporting roles played by Gamay Noir, Grüner Veltliner, Pinot Gris and Riesling.

Wynne Peterson-Nedry | Winemaker/Proprietor



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*as much as two nerdy chemists have the capacity to do.