

CHEHALEM



2015 Wind Ridge Block Riesling

Ribbon Ridge AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon

WINEMAKERS' NOTES

This warm-vintage Riesling enters with delicate aromatic wisps, moderate weight and softer acid from a lusciously ripe year. Reminiscent of Turkish Delights, candy corn and fresh green apples, there is a great fruit cocktail aspect to the palate, focused on red cherries. Back-end juicy sweetness adds length, flavor and persistence. With some time in bottle we will definitely have additional evolution as the wine continues to open-up and shows the ageability of Riesling and Ribbon Ridge's growing region.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2015 vintage was slightly different in early growing season timing from 2014, but the final effect was the same, big heat, big crop and big expectations. The acids are down, the alcohols are hovering around 14% and the work we did to minimize over-extraction resulted in more elegant wines than a hot vintage deserves. Similar to 2014, the fruit was impeccably clean and devoid of disease. Four progressively warmer vintages, we will just learn to count higher—more heat, more fruit, more, more!

TECHNICAL NOTES

COMPOSITION

100% Estate-Grown Riesling from Wind Ridge Block, Ridgecrest Vineyards

HARVEST

Harvested 10/5 and 10/7/2015 at 22.3-23.7 brix, 5.4-6.2 g/L titratable acidity and 3.11-3.24 pH from 3.1-4.0 tons per acre cropland

FERMENTATION AND ELEVAGE

Fermented in small stainless steel tanks with XTreme, R2 and Siha-7 yeasts | Aged 8 months in tank

BOTTLING

Cold stabilized, crossflow and sterile filtered | Bottled 6/13/2016 | 13.0% alcohol, 7.0 g/L titratable acidity, 3.25 pH and 1.9% residual sugar

RELEASE

130 cases | SRP \$25 | May 2017



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