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Riesling

BC VQA

VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

Established in 2009, our vineyards are rooted on sagebrush covered bench land along the Fraser River at the base of the Coast Mountain Range. The sandy soil, arid summers, and moderate winters in Lillooet are perfect for growing premium grapes.

The winter of 2022-23 was extremely cold with a record low temperature of -26.4° C on December 22^{nd} , after a long and warm fall. The quick change in temperature caused considerable damage to the most fruitful buds on the vines and the total harvest in Lillooet was only 33% of a normal crop in 2023. The summer was almost perfect: long, sunny and dry, with our characteristic cool nights to keep our grapes fresh.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Composition: 100% Riesling from Naramata (57%) and Lillooet (43%)

The grapes were hand picked and given 12 hours skin contact after crushing and were then lightly pressed to collect the free run juice, followed by a long and cold fermentation. After daily tasting, the ferment in stainless steel was stopped naturally by dramatically lowering the core temperature of the wine until it was no longer active. This left just enough residual sugar to balance the higher acid levels traditional in this noble grape variety. The wine was kept on the lees for 4 months before fining and filtering, to gave it an elegant and aromatic palate.

TASTING NOTES

An aromatic and fresh Riesling showcasing aromas of orange blossoms, grapefruit, and tropical fruits. This slightly off-dry style Riesling shows excellent balance between sweet and tart with a refreshing crisp finish on the palate.

Pairs with almost anything, but especially sushi, beef tacos, and spicy dishes. This is also a great patio sipper. Great to enjoy it now, and it can also be aged till 2028 or beyond.

TECH SPECS

 Alc.:
 12.0%

 pH:
 3.06

 TA:
 7.7 g/l

 RS:
 9.4 g/L

 Vegan:
 Yes

 Production:
 1,186 cases



UPC: 626990125686 Winery retail price: \$22.99 ex tax

ACCOLADES

2022 vintage: Gold & Best in Class – Los Angeles International Wine Competition 2024 Gold – Global Fine Wine Competition 2023



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