

Riesling

LABEL: SMALL LOT

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2022



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We fermented and aged 10% of this blend on the skins, creating a wine with amazing aromas and texture. The complexity of this wine greets you in layers. Fresh fruit is first with lychee, white peach, and orange blossom then the warmth of honey and beeswax. Steely minerality and a core of acid focuses the fruit. On the palate, the wine has mouthwatering acidity and fresh fruit. The flavors in the palate mirror the aromas and linger nicely on the finish.

VINEYARD SOURCING

With southwest row orientation, our Princeton Vineyard located in the Horse Heaven Hills, offers great drainage due to five canyons that cross the vineyard. The row orientation and excellent drainage provide uniform ripening and concentrated fruit flavors in the grapes.

GROWING SEASON

The 2022 vintage started out cool and wet and transitioned into a hot, but brief, summer with a warmer than normal late September and October. A mid-April blizzard in combination with a late start to high summer temperatures caused bud break to be behind by two to three weeks and carry all the way through harvest. The lack of end of harvest frost allowed for longer hang time and a condensed harvest into early November. The 2021 vintage brought lighter yields, while 2022 brought ample fruit.

WINEMAKING

The Riesling was machine harvested in the early morning hours to allow the fruit to arrive at the winery cool. Once at the winery, the juice was gently pressed away from the grape skins. The freshly pressed juice was allowed to cold settle for 48 hours and then clean racked off the solids. Fermentation was initiated with X5 yeast known to enhance aromatics and allowed to ferment at a cool temperature to lock in freshness and bright aromas. This wine is 100% fermented in stainless steel with no ML fermentation, resulting in a clean, crisp, refreshing wine.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills
Blend: 100% Riesling
Alcohol: 12.6%
T.A: 0.51 g/100 ml
pH: 3.35