



2011 Riesling, Willamette Valley

242 Cases Produced

Vineyard Composition

55% Roncali Vineyard, Eugene Coastal Foothills
16% Croser Vineyard, Eola Hills
20% Cherry Grove Vineyard, Gaston
08% Brooks Estate Vineyard, Eola Hills

Chemistry

10.5% Alcohol
14.7 g/L Residual Sugar
12.4 g/L Titratable Acidity
2.84 pH
IRF Scale: Dry +

Vintage Notes

2011 was our second cool growing season in a row, and this time around we were ready for it. Early crop thinning and leaf removal allowed for more uniform ripeness. The clusters were bigger and tighter than usual throughout the valley, which led to a heavy rot pressure. The cool Summer led into a wet Fall—normal weather for the hardy Riesling grape. We waited for a dry window and picked with moderate sugars and naturally high acids.

Brooks Vineyard is owned by relatives of the late Jimi Brooks and farmed biodynamically by Chris Williams and Bob Bailey. The Cherry Grove Vineyard north of Gaston was planted and is owned by the Van Steenburg Family and farmed by Stirling Fox. The Riesling block was planted by the previous owner as a hobby and thus has its eccentricities as well as lots of potential. The Croser Vineyard in the Eola Hills is owned by Australian winemaker Brian Croser, who is also a part owner of Argyle Wines in Dundee. Roncali Vineyard west of Eugene is owned and lovingly farmed by the Cagle family who also make some of their own wine from the site.

Each vineyard's grapes were gently pressed whole-cluster and the juice settled for a few days before being racked off of the gross lees. The must was fermented slowly in small stainless steel drums and polytanks using multiple yeast strains—including native cultivars. After the fermentations reached their natural conclusions, the separate lots were married, stabilized and filtered by the gentlest means. The wine was bottled on May 16, 2012. The 2011 vintage is great for high-acid, low-alcohol whites. Citrus and green apple are the dominant notes giving way to more tangerine and flowers up to a zippy finish.

This is the sixth Riesling release for Love & Squalor.