



2012 Riesling, Willamette Valley

440 Cases Produced

Vineyard Composition

- 33% Cherry Grove Vineyard, Gaston
- 19% ANA Vineyard, Dundee Hills
- 16% Roncali Vineyard, Eugene Coastal Foothills
- 12% Sunnyside Vineyard, Monroe
- 12% Cuddihy Vineyard, Yamhill
- 08% Brooks Estate Vineyard, Eola Hills

Chemistry

- 10.8% Alcohol
- 7.5 g/L Residual Sugar
- 8.2 g/L Titratable Acidity
- 2.94 pH
- IRF Dry+

Vintage Notes

We haven't seen a vintage like the 2012 in the Willamette Valley for many a year. It was warm and relatively dry. The vines required little manipulation through the growing season other than worrying that they were going to shrivel from a shrinking water table and lack of precipitation. Given the circumstances, we were able to spread out our pick dates and the fruit came in clean and ripe.

Vineyard Notes

After making Riesling in The Valley for over 6 years, one becomes known for something. Sometimes that leads to the phone ringing and an unfamiliar voice comes through with word of some pioneer block vines - self-rooted and deep. I always say yes to these opportunities. Among the new additions in 2012 is Sunnyside Vineyard outside of Salem planted in 1970 and lovingly farmed by Tom Owen and Luci Wisniewski since 1980. I also encountered Richard Cuddihy who lives on and farms Riesling vines

he planted outside of Yamhill in 1969. Additionally, Andy Humphrey's ANA Vineyard is one of the original sites on Worden Hill Road in the heart of the Red Hills outside of Dundee. With great fruit like this very little winemaking is necessary.

Production Notes

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 April 16th, 2013. The 2012 vintage has a sweet peachy nose, powerful viscosity and refreshingly dry finish.