



# Pet Matt Pétillant Naturel Riesling “Sekt” 2021

85 Cases Produced

## Vineyard Composition

100% Sunnyside Vineyard, Salem

## Chemistry

12.5 % Alcohol

## Production Notes

It wasn't until I traveled to Germany to assist with the 2006 Harvest in the Mosel region, that I had really been exposed to the wide range of sparkling wines - known as “Sekt” - made with the Riesling grape. Some of these wines were simple festive quaffers, while others were made with as much finesse and attention as some fine champagnes. I filed this tidbit of joy away for a rainy day. That day arrived during Harvest 2019 when, with an extra barrel of Riesling and some insistent prodding from my harvest assistant Jessica, we embarked on a grand plan to make Pét Nat.

Shortened from Pétillant Naturel, Pét Nat (also called Méthode Ancestral) is sparkling wine in it's simplest and most risky form. Fermenting wine is transferred to bottle and with fingers crossed, finishes the rest of its primary fermentation there. The alcohol producing yeast die off and the CO2 they generated in that production is trapped in solution in the bottle as tiny bubbles. This usually works. When it does, we release it many months later as “Pet Matt”

## Vineyard Notes

The 2021 Pet Matt Sekt is crafted from one barrel of Riesling from Sunnyside Vineyard. This site is situated in the southeast corner of Salem, not far from the Enchanted Forest amusement park – a local favorite for generations of Oregonians. This vineyard is my ‘go-to’ site for aromatic and complex whites as well as Pinot and Gamay. Sunnyside was first planted in the early 1970s. The site was settled and has been farmed by Tom Owen and Luci Wisniewski ever since 1980. The Riesling planted there is a self-rooted Geisenheim clone that is almost 50 years old.

## Vintage Notes

We picked this Riesling on October 15th, 2021. The fruit was foot-trod before a gentle pressing. The juice was settled for a few days and then racked off of the gross lees into the fermentation vessels. The wine in this bottle was fermented without the addition of any commercial yeasts. The 2021 Pet Matt Sekt was bottled sans soufre and sans filtre on February 4th, 2022. It lay in tirage for 10 months before its December 2022 release.