2023 RR Riesling, Estate Reserve

Ridgecrest Vineyards | Ribbon Ridge AVA | Willamette Valley | Oregon

TECHNICAL DATA

AbV - 12.0% | **TA** - 8.1 g/L | **pH** - 3.02 | **RS** - 9.1 g/L

AGING - 5 months 75% stainless steel, 25% neutral French oak

CLONES - 9 & 12 (both from Germany)

PRODUCTION - 87 cases | **SRP** - $40

RELEASE - April 2025 | **ENJOY** - Now-2039 & beyond

92 - James Suckling

Ridgecrest Vineyards is dry-farmed sustainably according to LIVE (Low Input Viticulture & Enology) standards.
Established - 1980 | Planted - 1982 - current
Elevation - 480 - 690ft | Acreage - 120 total | 38 planted

LIVE CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE

Of the 38 planted acres that constitute Ridgecrest Vineyards, less than 4 acres are Riesling. Great things come in small packages!

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2023 RR Estate Reserve Riesling is itching to open up with time in your glass and/or cellar. We hand-selected our favorite portions of Riesling from 2023 to highlight a juicy, fresh nose featuring mandarin rind, pear, key lime, and white flowers. The palate is clean, lean, and bright, with a balanced mid-palate texture and mouth-coating richness. Almost-dry in the sugar arena, there are still plenty of fruitier flavors of dried peaches, honeydew, ginger candy, and apple Jolly Rancher unfold alongside subtle notes of candle wax, fresh straw, and gravelly minerality. The acidity is lively and persistent, leading to a dry, mouthwatering finish. Elegant, textured, and deeply refreshing—just, wow. – *Wynne*

VINTAGE NOTES

2023: Return to Normal: Average Becomes winning at dinner

We've had several unusual vintages recently, e.g., 2022 (hard freeze), 2021 (hot, hot hot) and 2020 (wildfire smoke). 2023 pleasantly showed us a recent, relative normalcy, albeit warm.

Only two harvests in the last ten have begun earlier, 2023 starting September 11, a full 30 days earlier than our average the first 15 vintages this century.

Vineyard vigor, growth and ripening were strong in this Summer, with only 2015 having more over-80F days and only 2019 having more rainfall. Cropload yields were slightly smaller by 15% than the all-varietal 2.52 ton-per-acre 5-year average, with disease pressure very low except for a couple late-held varieties and general quality very good to exceptional—and that we'd like to see become normal. - *Harry*

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