

MONTE CREEK — RANCH —

2016

RIESLING

The Facts

Alcohol	11%
Residual sugar	9.5 g/L
pH	2.9
Tartaric acid	8.7 g/L

THE WINE

This classic Riesling beauty entices with a brilliant colour and aromas of peach, lime zest, and honeysuckle. It is delicate and dry on the palate with minerality and lively acidity. Riesling may have originated in Germany, but this cool climate grape loves our chilly winters and mineral rich soil. Our Riesling pairs well with shellfish and spicy foods.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2016 vintage started with our earliest budbreak yet, with most varieties budding out in early April. A warm spring had us thinking that we would begin harvesting as early as the beginning of August, but a rainy June and July brought things closer to normal (if there is such a thing). Harvest still began two weeks early, on August 22nd, but was a long and extended one as we didn't finish bringing in our last fruit until October 28th.

Milder temperatures during the heat of summer allowed us to have more gradual ripening than in 2015. This allowed the grapes to accumulate intense flavour without sugars skyrocketing. Our own vineyards suffered from poor weather during flowering, which resulted in a reduced crop. Our loss is your gain, as less crop usually means more concentration. The result is flavour packed wines that show elegance and moderate alcohol.

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