

CHEHALEM

2016 Ridgecrest Vineyards Riesling

Ribbon Ridge AVA, Willamette Valley, Oregon

WINEMAKERS' NOTES

This Riesling has full, beautiful, and complex aromatics consisting of petrol, white flowers and tropical fruit like guava and mango. The palate is well balanced between bright acid and residual sugar. It is drinking amazingly now but will continue to integrate and evolve for years to come.

VINTAGE NOTES

This is the year of Earliest Ever. The winter was warm, budbreak was early and 2016 never looked back—bloom, veraison and harvest, all early records. Harvest began in August and was done before October. Although early, the growing season wasn't as hot as the prior three, but still the same new warm norm. Fruit is fully ripe but not overripe, moderate alcohols, good enough acids and intense, easily extracted, dense wines, from 15% smaller berry sizes and yields. Potentially an excellent-to-classic vintage.

TECHNICAL NOTES

COMPOSITION

100% Estate-Grown Riesling from Ridgecrest Vineyards

HARVEST

Harvested 9/27 and 9/29/2016 at 22.3-23.1 brix, 6.2-6.5 g/L titratable acidity and 3.07-3.11 pH

FERMENTATION AND ELEVAGE

Fermented in stainless steel tanks with Siha 7, RHST and R2 | Aged 4 months in tank

BOTTLING

Crossflow and sterile filtered | Bottled 4/25/2017 | 13.3% alcohol, 6.4 g/L TA and 3.17 pH
1.35% RS

RELEASE

149 cases | SRP \$25 | September 2018



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