

NORTH BY NORTHWEST

2014 RIESLING

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THE WINE: The home of some of Washington's most acclaimed vineyards, Horse Heaven Hills sits between 220- 1,800 feet in elevation. While sparsely populated, HHH boasts over 12,000 acres of vineyards and is one of the state's premier terroirs for growing Riesling and Chardonnay famous for its bright personality, bracing minerality and lively acidity.

The 2014 Riesling has a refreshing acidity upon entry coupled with a mellow sweetness that leads into a supple wine in the mid palate. Notes of lime and rose petal punctuate this dry style wine with a layered and lingering finish.

THE PROCESS: Handpicked and whole cluster pressed, the 2014 Riesling was allowed to cold settle before being racked, slowly fermented and cold stabilized. 4 months sur lie aging took place prior to bottling.

THE VINTAGE: Following on the heels of a cold winter, early spring was very wet with double our typical precipitation in March. Rapidly warming temperatures in April led to buds breaking almost a week early – these favorable conditions continued, leading to very strong fruit set after a mid-June bloom. The abundance of fruit allowed for meticulous hand thinning; only the fruit meeting stringent quality parameters were allowed to ripen. Excellent weather continued throughout the summer, leading to a warmer than average vintage and resulted in excellent ripening conditions. Moving into late summer/early fall the grape clusters were in outstanding condition which combined with unusually dry conditions allowed for extended hang time and enhanced flavor development. The extended harvest period enabled each vineyard to be harvested at peak ripeness resulting in a crop of fantastic quality.

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VARIETAL: Riesling

AVA: Horse Heaven Hills

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

pH: 3.04

TA (g/L): 6.69

VA (g/100mL): 0.022

RS (g/L): 7.26

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

COLOR: straw yellow

NOSE: floral, apricot, orange peel, lime, lavender, passion fruit, pineapple, clove

FLAVORS: peach, pineapple, rose petal, orange blossoms, mineral, perfumed, confectionary

WINEMAKER'S QUOTE: "A flowing ripeness is the lovely entrance you are met with. Intricate layers of flavors dance through the mid-palate. Lively acid and a supple sweetness lend to a fresh and persistent finish."



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