

# 2014 RIESLING YAKIMA VALLEY



## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Fresh fruits such as white peach, tangerine and lychee greet you on the nose, coupled with aromas of honeysuckle and orange blossom. The lush juiciness of the fruit on the palate is nicely balanced by bright acidity, framing the wine and providing structure. A slight effervescence lifts the fruit and adds to the roundness in the mouth. Notes of stone fruits and honey linger on the finish.

## VINEYARD SOURCING

The grapes for this wine come from the Yakima Valley Spring Creek and Brooks Vineyards. These vineyards are part of the partnership between the Hogue and Mercer families. The cooler sites allows for intense flavor development while retaining the bright natural acidity of the grapes – creating a wine that is naturally balanced.

## GROWING SEASON

2014 was one of the hottest years on record. A moderate winter lead into a warm spring and a very hot summer. The warm spring resulted in an early bloom, which caused veraison to occur two to three weeks earlier than normal. Thus, we began harvest a week ahead of schedule. Warm days and cool nights in late August and September allowed the grapes to ripen slowly for flavor development while retaining the natural acidity.

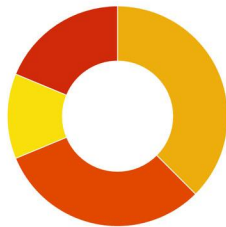
## WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested in the very early hours of the morning so they would arrive to the winery cool. Once at the winery, the grapes went directly to the press where the juice was gently pressed away from the skins. The juice was allowed to cold settle for two days before racking. The clean juice was inoculated with a yeast strain selected for Riesling. The wine was fermented cool over 25 days, allowing for optimal aroma and flavor development. Post fermentation, the separate lots were evaluated and the blend was created. To achieve a fruit forward style Riesling, we blended 71% of the wine from Brooks Vineyard and 29% from Spring Creek.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

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| Appellation ..... | Yakima Valley |
| Blend .....       | 100% Riesling |
| Alcohol .....     | 13.3%         |
| TA .....          | 0.68 g/100 mL |
| pH .....          | 3.02          |

## SENSORY INDICATOR



- White Peach
- Tangerine
- Lychee
- Orange Blossom

