

2007 Riesling Estate



Viticultural Data:

Vine Age: 32 years
Yield: 3 tons/acre
Harvest Sugars: 21.5 Brix

Enological Data:

pH: 3.06
Residual Sugar: 1.7%
Bottled: March 2008
Cases Produced: 786

Riesling is alive and well in Oregon. And at Elk Cove Vineyards it remains an integral part of who we are. Elk Cove Vineyards has been producing luscious Rieslings since 1978. Our Rieslings are treated to the same meticulous vineyard maintenance and strict yield control as our incredible Pinot Noirs and Pinot Gris.

Vintage 2007 is one that will certainly be discussed. Some say it's a grower's year, where meticulous thinning, canopy management and spray routines helped the fruit left hanging on the vine. Others maintain this is a winemaker's year, where the most experienced and agile artists will be able to take the fruit given by Mother Nature and craft some outstanding wines. All agree that it brought some challenges, yet with the rain in the range of 2005 and much less than the last really rainy harvest of 1997, most in the valley know how to adapt; taking advantage of this year's attributes such as lower sugars (lower alcohols) and higher acids. These wines will be elegant, refreshing, racy. This vintage will have stellar wines, just perhaps with more variability.

The 'Estate' designation is from our oldest block of Riesling planted on the gentle slopes of the winery property. This sublime wine highlights the quality that old vine material can give from this noble grape in the Northern Willamette Valley. It shows a traditional bouquet of pear and apple overtones, with lean, mineral notes on the palate and finishes with a hint of petrol. A pretty wine now yet has enough fruit and balanced acidity to age a number of years with cool cellaring.

Reviews

Excellent! ~ Wine Press Northwest ~ January 2009

"At age 32, these vines rank among Oregon's oldest, and their crop load of 3 tons per acre yields brilliance. It leads with classic minerality and river rock aromas, backed by tropical fruit...enjoy with a Waldorf salad or fruit plate."

5 Stars ~ Decanter Magazine ~ May 2009

"Dry, with power, fresh purity, and depth. One of the finest estates in Oregon for riesling. 2009-2014."

Recommended! ~ Northwest Palate ~ February 2010