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2018 Las Brisas Vineyard Riesling



Vineyards

Riesling is among the rarest of grape varieties planted in Carneros. We purchased a scant 1-acre block in the Las Brisas Vineyard which lies on a gentle, west-facing slope in the heart of Carneros. Much like our Estate vineyard, the Las Brisas vineyard is situated adjacent to the San Pablo Bay and is often covered in fog until noon or later when the cool breeze blows in from the Pacific Ocean. Carneros is among the most suitable sites in all of California for this noble variety that originated on the frigid slopes of the German river valleys.

Growing Season

2018 delivered a late but incredible harvest. Beautiful weather during bloom allowed for a bounty of exceptional fruit. A cool, foggy summer with no heat events ensured slow even ripening, vibrant acidity and superb flavor development.

Vinification

A small amount of Botrytis Cinerea, known as noble rot, helped intensify the aromatic sweetness of this Riesling fruit as we delayed harvest waiting for full flavors to develop. Traditional German Kabinett style wines provide our inspiration. The grapes are whole cluster pressed into a stainless steel tank then fermented cold to capture the gorgeous aromatics. We further chill down the wine to arrest the fermentation with a touch of sweetness remaining to balance the zingy, lip smacking acidity.

Tasting Notes

This wine is the liquid version of a walk through a Carneros vineyard in Spring. Bursting with aromas of white flowers, fresh peach and tangy apple notes. With time in the glass, the nose opens to beeswax, lavender and honey. The tangy complex palate shows bright acidity, drawing out flavors of lemongrass and Asian pear with a long graceful finish. Grab a glass and stroll through the vineyard!

Appellation
Sonoma, Carneros

Vineyard
Las Brisas Vineyard

Aging
4 months

Harvest Date
October 1, 2018

Bottling Date
March 14, 2019

Maturation
Fermented in stainless steel tanks; 50% malolactic fermentation

PH
3.26

TA
7.1 g/L

RS
10 g/L

Alcohol
12.8%

Production
345 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail
\$30