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## 2019 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

The 2019 growing season will be remembered as a “Goldilocks” vintage. Not too cold, not too hot . . . but just right. Late rains in May had growers biting their nails as these storms can cause damage to vines that are flowering, leading to reduced crop loads. However, sunshine won that battle and the rains disappeared giving way to a long, consistent growing season throughout the summer. No major heat events appeared during harvest time which gave us beautiful ripening at an even pace. Juuuust right.

### 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

3 months

### Harvest Date

October 15, 2019

### Bottling Date

February 25, 2020

### Maturation

Fermented in stainless steel tanks; 50% malolactic fermentation

### PH

3.1

### TA

7.4 g/L

### RS

4.8 g/L

### Alcohol

13.4%

### Production

295 cases (750ml)

### Suggested Retail

\$30

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