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2022 Riesling, Estate Selection

Vineyards

Bouchaine's 100-acre estate vineyard lies on the southern border of Napa Valley's Carneros district, overlooking the San Francisco bay with the financial district in the distance. Fog, wind, and the cold night time temperatures of this unique geographical area lend a distinctive regional identity to our Riesling. We believe 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 growing season of 2022 will ultimately be defined by the 5-day heat wave we experienced in early September. Thankfully, our crop was ready to be harvested. The heat condensed the time frame of harvest and the winery filled up quickly. Prior to the heat, the growing season in Carneros was highlighted only by its cool breezes and morning fog. With all of these factors combined, Bouchaine was able to capture the fresh acidity we know and love, while also extracting velvety structure and depth of flavor in the wines.

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. The grapes are whole cluster pressed into a stainless steel tank in addition to small amounts into clay amphora and neutral oak, then fermented cold to capture the gorgeous aromatics. Traditional German Kabinett style wines provide our inspiration for this dryer style of Riesling with 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

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Estate

Aging

6 months

Harvest Date

September 21, 2022

Bottling Date

April 2023

Maturation

76% stainless steel,
13% clay amphora,
11% neutral oak

PH

3.3

TA

6.6 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.2%

Production

280 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$45

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