

Latah Creek

2007 Washington State RIESLING



CONDITIONS WERE IDEAL — FOR A WHILE

As harvest approached this past fall, conditions were near perfect. A hot summer and wonderful August got the grape ripening process off to a great start — sugars were rising as expected and acids were coming down. Red varietals were developing dark, inky colors and whites delicate fruit complexities. We were all set for a spectacular vintage. Then as August moved into September things changed; not dramatically but enough to cause issues. Daytime temperatures dropped a few degrees from normal. Sugar levels continued to rise but the cooler temperatures slowed the drop in grape acids. Winemakers statewide were delaying picking to get analysis numbers in line. Initial picking for us was nearly two weeks behind previous years and lasted later than any time before. Our last grapes, Sangiovese, came off the vine on November 1st — a full three weeks later than last year. With this being said, we were extremely excited with everything we received. The harvest analysis for nearly every variety was exactly where we would have wanted them to be — and — the resultant wines are turning out to be marvelous; full of intense varietal flavors and great acid levels. This is important to us since we want high acid levels to balance the natural residual sweetness present in most all our whites. The reds ended up with wonderful color and fruit and should rival the intensity of the 2005's.



WINE MAKING NOTES

Harvest dates: September 22, 2007 Wahluke
October 18, 2007 Familia

Average analysis:
Brix: 23.0 T.A.: .85 pH: 2.97

Vineyards: 25% Familia Vineyards
George, Washington
75% Wahluke Slope Vineyards
Mattawa, Washington

Yeast: D-47
Cold fermented between 45 and 48 F° for 8 weeks.
Bottled: July 24, 2008
1303 cases



TASTING NOTES

This Riesling is full of wonderful Washington State Riesling fruit characters — apples, pears, spices of clove. This wine finishes crisp and clean on the palate even though I did leave a little more residual sweetness in the wine than I normally do because of the high acid level of the vintage. (Most consumers might think this wine is actually less sweet than usual.) This is a wonderful example of the great Rieslings that come from the Pacific Northwest.



AWARDS — ACCOLADES

Latah Creek's Johannisberg Rieslings have continually received high marks in local and national wine competitions along with numerous *Northwest Palate* "GOOD BUYS" and *Wine Spectator* "BEST BUYS".

Wine Press Northwest, Fall 2000: one of four "Outstanding" ratings given in a tasting of 43 Rieslings from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia.

'04 Vintage — 90 Points *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*
Very classy, and classic, WA Riesling, with just enough residual sugar to offset the zippy acids. Bright, fresh, crisp and clean, with a wash of honeyed sweetness underlying the ripe peaches and apple-flavored juice. Just a delightful bottle of Riesling.

'06 Vintage — OUTSTANDING RIESLING
AWARD-Vintner's Honor, Seattle Wine Awards

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