



MONTINORE ESTATE

2016

ALMOST DRY RIESLING

Willamette Valley, Oregon



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD
MONTINORE ESTATE

SOIL
**LAURELWOOD
CORNELIUS**

AVERAGE VINE AGE
35 YEARS

VARIETY
100% RIESLING

CLONES
**GEISENHEIM
CLONE 110**

FERMENTATION
STAINLESS STEEL

pH
2.91

TA (g/L)
8.3

RESIDUAL SUGAR
2.2%

ALCOHOL
10.8%

WINEMAKER
STEPHEN WEBBER

RELEASE DATE
JANUARY 2018

THE VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage was one of the most challenging and delightful in recent years. A wet winter resulted in bud break almost a month ahead of the norm. High soil moistures and an unusually warm spring created perfect conditions for mildew. As an organic and Biodynamic® vineyard, we don't use "silver bullet" chemical sprays when mildew outbreaks occur. Instead, we cared for the vineyard early in the season keeping the vines clean and healthy. When bloom came, the vines looked great. Conditions cooperated through flowering and fruit set. By September, moderate weather slowed ripening and allowed for picking at peak perfection.

THE WINEMAKING

The 2016 Almost Dry Riesling is a beautiful example of the well-defined characters found in this variety, and a harmonious balance between acid and sugar. The hot 2016 vintage merited an early harvest for the estate Riesling, but the classic flavors found in this grape hold true in this wine, as nice petrol notes are developing. The grapes underwent gentle pressing, with a very long, cool fermentation at an average temperature of 54°F in 100% stainless steel. A combination of Assmanshausen German yeast and a Pied de Cuve, along with time spent on lees, lead to a subtle balance of natural sugars and acid.

THE WINE

The 2016 Almost Dry Riesling is fresh, clean and flavorful. Abundant fresh fruit aromas greet the senses with bright key lime, honeydew melon, nectarine and pear mingle with fragrant white flowers. A plush mouthful of Meyer lemon, tangerine, Rainier cherry and green apple leads to a vibrant and clean finish that is refreshingly satisfying. This is a wonderful expression of Willamette Valley Riesling.



Made with Demeter-Certified Biodynamic Grapes
Certified Organic by Stellar Certification