



MONTINORE ESTATE

2019

# ALMOST DRY RIESLING

*Willamette Valley, Oregon*



APPELLATION  
**WILLAMETTE VALLEY**

VINEYARD  
**MONTINORE ESTATE**

SOIL  
**LAURELWOOD  
CORNELIUS**

AVERAGE VINE AGE  
**37 YEARS**

VARIETY  
**100% RIESLING**

CLONES  
**GEISENHEIM, 110**

FERMENTATION  
**STAINLESS STEEL**

TA  
**7.8**

pH  
**2.98**

RESIDUAL SUGAR  
**1.2%**

ALCOHOL  
**12.1%**

WINEMAKER  
**STEPHEN WEBBER**

BOTTLING DATE  
**FEBRUARY 2020**

RELEASE DATE  
**MARCH 2020**

## THE VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage began with a mild, cooler spring and a warm summer with few extremes, and not much disease or pest pressure. Everything was going to plan until Mother Nature flipped the script in September from ideal ripening to cold and rains. Hard picking decisions had to be condensed between weather breaks, resulting in lower sugar levels and higher natural acidity. This brought out nuances and subtle complexities while maintaining freshness. A challenging, but classic Oregon vintage.

## THE WINEMAKING

The 2019 Almost Dry Riesling is a beautiful example of the well-defined characteristics found in this variety, and a harmonious balance between acid and residual sugar. The uneventful growing season was followed by a condensed, cooler harvest period. As the Riesling clusters were fragile, we carefully handpicked each bunch and gently whole-cluster pressed the fruit. It underwent a slow, 3-month fermentation in 100% stainless steel, using a German yeast strain called Assmanshausen. We promptly racked off the lees to yield a wine that is slightly drier than normal due to the inherent natural acidity preserved by the cool vintage. A classic example of a minimal intervention Riesling made in Oregon.

## THE WINE

Aromas of poached pears, melon, citrus and Golden Delicious apple are accented with nutmeg and a hint of white flowers. Grapefruit, kiwi, starfruit and candied citrus rind mix and mingle in a harmonious marriage of slight sweetness and a kiss of acidity. This wine leans more toward dry, but the balance makes it an easygoing sipper that both sweet and dry wine lovers can agree on.



Made with Demeter-Certified Biodynamic Grapes  
Certified Organic by CCOF



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