



MONTINORE ESTATE

2020

# ALMOST DRY RIESLING

*Willamette Valley, Oregon*



APPELLATION

**WILLAMETTE VALLEY**

VINEYARD

**MONTINORE ESTATE**

SOIL

**LAURELWOOD  
CORNELIUS**

AVERAGE VINE AGE

**38 YEARS**

VARIETY

**100% RIESLING**

CLONES

**GEISENHEIM, 110**

FERMENTATION

**STAINLESS STEEL**

TA

**7.4**

pH

**3.03**

RESIDUAL SUGAR

**0.9%**

ALCOHOL

**12.0%**

WINEMAKER

**STEPHEN WEBBER**

BOTTLING DATE

**FEBRUARY 2021**

RELEASE DATE

**MARCH 2021**

## THE VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage was in some ways very challenging and in others ideal. The season began with adequate moisture to kick off nice spring growth. Early rains and a dryer summer resulted in fewer clusters and smaller berries. Through the reduction in yield, we knew the wine would have great concentration of aroma and varietal flavor. In early September Oregon experienced one of the worst fire seasons in recent history. With the fires to the east and south of our vineyards, we avoided the worst of the smoke. By harvest, we had a small crop, 50% of normal, but with the expectation of very high quality that would be sure to please.

## THE WINEMAKING

The 2020 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 wine underwent a slow, three-month fermentation in a single 100% stainless steel tank, using a German yeast strain. It was promptly racked off the lees to yield a wine that is slightly drier, due to the natural acidity preserved in the vineyard, and is full of fruit and natural Riesling characteristics. This wine is a classic example of a minimal intervention Riesling made in Oregon that is drinking great right now.

## THE WINE

Almost Dry Riesling is exactly as the name describes. It leans toward a dry wine with the perfect whisper of sweetness. Pretty floral aromas swirl with citrus, gooseberry and melon, while the sweet-tart palate offers profound refreshment on high notes of stone fruit, green apple, key lime and rosewater. Mouthwatering and quenching, it's a great counterpart to spicy fare and a delicious apéritif, chilled cold.



Made with Demeter Certified Biodynamic Grapes  
Certified Organic by CCOF