
Latah Creek

WINE CELLARS

Ancient Lakes of Columbia Valley

RIESLING

2015



BACKGROUND

During Latah Creek's thirty-four years of producing Riesling, Mike has had the opportunity to use grapes from nearly every growing region within Washington State: Pasco/Tri-Cities, Sunnyside, Yakima Valley, Wahluke Slope, Rattlesnake Hills, and most recently the Ancient Lakes AVA. Of all these areas, father/daughter winemaking team, Mike and Natalie, believe the Ancient Lakes AVA consistently produces the best Riesling, thus a conversion was made to this area for all Riesling bottling's since their first harvest there in the early 1990's.

SOURCING

Famiglia Vineyards, 100% Riesling

WINEMAKING

The 2015 vintage was the earliest harvest and shortest harvest ever for Mike and Natalie. The Riesling was harvested 3-4 weeks ahead of "normal". Mike and Natalie were surprised with the intensity of fruit in the grapes, expecting less because of the quick ripening. The wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks at cooler temperatures, to retain its forward fruit characteristics. A higher acid level was left in the wine to keep it from cloying, and to keep it fresh and crisp.

ANALYSIS

Harvest Data: September 21, 2015 Brix: 21.0 TA: 0.79 pH: 3.04
Alc.: 10.5% RS: 2.5%
Bottled: March 3, 2015 | 619 cases | Released: Spring 2016

WINEMAKERS

Mike Conway and Natalie Conway-Barnes

TASTING NOTES

Similar to German Rieslings, the nose of this wine begins with a minerality, granny smith apple, and pear aromas. The intensely flavored wine seduces you with Anjou pear and spun sugar, while lingering with a minerality, ginger, and a crisp acid.

FOOD PAIRING

Enjoy this wine with salads, light desserts, pork, and chicken, such as Ellena's Pork Chops with Apples and Shallots recipe published in her latest cookbook.

ACCOLADES

'13 Vintage:

Silver, Great Northwest Wine Competition 2015
Silver, Sunset International Wine Competition 2015
Silver, Savor NW Wine Awards 2015

'14 Vintage:

Silver, Savor NW Wine Awards 2016

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