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2024 RIESLING WHITE BLUFFS

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% White Bluffs Riesling

VINEYARD

In 2021, this area was designated as a new sub-appellation of the Columbia Valley named White Bluffs. The sloping land's elevation ranges from 550-900 feet, and soft rolling knolls keep the area warm (not hot, not cool) with excellent air drainage. No wonder this unique place produces a cadre of beautiful fruit. The AVA encompasses two plateaus that rise above the surrounding plains of the Pasco Basin an average of 200 feet. The added elevation protects the vines from the cold air on the valley floor and extends the growing season. Nearly one out of every 10 Washington wineries source fruit from the AVA.

VINTAGE NOTES

Mid-January 2024 presented with sub-zero temperatures for an extended period which caused bud damage throughout the Walla Walla Valley. A warm, dry spring allowed the vines to push ample buds; budbreak to bloom was extended and cool. Summer was hot and dry with two weeks of 100+ temperatures which delayed veraison. September's cool evenings allowed for nice hang time with no fall frost pressure. This vintage produced great fruit quality. We picked the Riesling on October 15, 2024.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Riesling grapes are gently whole cluster pressed, which allows for free run and soft pressed juice to be separated within a 4-hour time frame. The juice is chilled and decanted before inoculation with a Riesling specific yeast strain. Fermentation is arrested to allow for some residual sweetness to balance the crisp acidity. Aromatics of white blossom, peach and star fruit lead to a juicy mid-palate full of stone fruit and peach pie that lead to a bright, clean, off-dry finish.

SPECIFICATIONS

AGING: 100% stainless steel

pH: 3.10

TA: 8.1 g/L

ALCOHOL: 11.5%

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 2.42%

BOTTLING DATE: February 3, 2025

PRODUCTION: 93 cases