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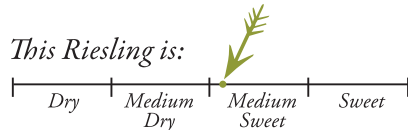


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2021 A TO Z OREGON RIESLING

TASTING NOTES: The light yellow 2021 A to Z Wineworks Oregon Riesling has a hint of lime green as it shines in the glass. Both floral and fruity aromatics abound -- honeysuckle, hibiscus, apple-blossom and other white flowers, apricot, white peach, lime zest, lychee, gooseberry and mandarin orange lead to rose tea, lemon verbena, even lime cordial notes. The wine is lively and buoyant on the palate leading with tangy acidity followed by a slight honey sweetness and juicy flavors. There are hints of grapefruit, apple, lime juice and honeydew melon flavors as well as candied ginger, spearmint, even orange Triple Sec. The structure is round and balanced with just a touch of residual sugar lending a nice weight to the mouthfeel before a long, refreshing finish. The 2021 A to Z Wineworks Oregon Riesling is a true delight!

WINEMAKING NOTES: The 2021 A to Z Riesling is made from fruit grown in the Rogue and Applegate Valley sub-AVAs of Southern Oregon, the Northern Willamette Valley and the Columbia Gorge. A blend of grapes from young and old vines are picked at multiple levels of ripeness and flavor development to produce a complex and dynamic wine with balanced acidity. The fruit is gently pressed, then variously inoculated with different yeasts to add complexity. Controlled, cool ferments help retain the fruity esters and intense flavors. Malolactic fermentation is suppressed to retain freshness.

VINTAGE NOTES: A mild and relatively dry winter was followed by a moderately dry growing season exacerbating drought concerns in certain parts of the state. Mild frost in early-to-mid April interfered with healthy bud development and shoot growth in some locations. As flowering approached, weather was highly variable with intermittent heat, coolness and rain leading to lower than usual yields after the dry season. There were some significant heat spikes in early June set new records and stressed the vines along with isolated incidents of sunburn. Thankfully, disease, bird and insect pressures were low. Yields varied depending on location but quality was high to exceptional. Harvest was longer than average due to extended nice weather and the 2021 wines are showing optimal grape chemistry, natural balance, and pure flavors making for an outstanding vintage.

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