

EMPIRE ESTATE 2015 DRY RIESLING RESERVE

2015 VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage began with a very cold winter, followed by a rainy spring; fortunately, the weather turned warm and completely dry from that point forward. With a lighter fruit set resulting from a cold winter prior, a dry autumn gave the grapes plenty of time to develop remarkably ripe flavors. Riesling showed ripe & dense fruit character, with brisk underlying acidity, framing what is now viewed as a very powerful vintage.

VINIFICATION

Made predominately from one vineyard site, this Reserve blend is a response to a wine that rose to the top in the cellar and had seemed special from the moment the grapes were picked. Harvested cool and pressed to small stainless steel tanks to allow for more hands-on work, the Riesling took four months to finish fermentation before resting through spring and into mid-summer in neutral French Oak barrels to best complement the inherent power of the wine.

TASTING NOTES

Deep yellow in color, this richly aromatic Riesling delivers savory, herbal aromas, as well as lemon custard, golden pear, and dried pineapple fruit character, all backed by crushed slate and baked clay mineral tones. Powerful and broad on the palate, with an abundance of ripe stone fruit, the finish balances ripe fruits & minerals with tremendous length.

92 Points James Suckling
90 Points Wine Advocate

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 13.6%	pH: 3.09
RS: 7.95g/L	TA: 7.45g/L

50 Cases Produced.



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