

Seifried RIESLING 2009

Awards

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"When you taste a wine like this it's hard to understand why consumers don't drink more Riesling. This is just delicious, showing lifted aromas of citrus, apple and subtle honey."
- Sam Kim, Wine Orbit 2010

Wine Analysis

Vineyard:

Seifried Brightwater &
Redwood Valley Vineyards

Sugar at Harvest:

22.4°Brix (average)

Date of Harvest:

18 April 2009 - Redwood Valley Vineyard
22 April 2009 - Brightwater Vineyard

pH of Wine:

3.11 T.A of Wine: 7.5g/L



The Vineyard

The 2009 Seifried Riesling is a blend from both our Brightwater and Redwood Valley Vineyards.

The Brightwater Vineyard was planted with Riesling in 1999. These vines are grown in an extremely stony area of the vineyard, where water and nutrient levels are low. This helps us to restrict the plants vigour and to crop at low levels, to further enhance the aromatics we removed leaves to allow light penetration and air movement around the fruiting zone.

The unirrigated Redwood Valley Vineyard is situated on a gently sloping, north facing clay site; the vines range in age from 9 to 26 years. Vertical shoot positioning helps to expose the berries to sunlight, thus getting maximum intensity and optimal ripeness.

Winemakers Note

The Seifried Riesling is a blend of fruit from our older Redwood Valley Vineyard, and more youthful Brightwater Vineyard. The two portions were harvested, pressed and cool fermented separately before blending in July. We were very fortunate to have perfect weather conditions over the entire harvest period from March to May '09. This resulted in high quality fruit coming into the winery which our winemakers were very enthusiastic about.

Tasting Note

The 2009 Seifried Riesling has great clarity and purity clearly stamping out it's Nelson terroir. It has a delicate fine floral blossom nose with crisp fresh cut white peach whiffs sneaking in. The palate has fine tuned natural acidity running the length twisted around a mineral backbone. 11g/L residual sweetness works perfectly with the citrus floral characters and slate stone notes.