

Riesling 2018

Technical Information:

Appellation	VQA Creek Shores
Vineyard(s)	100% Lakeshore Farm Vineyard
Varietal(s)	100% Riesling
Brix at Harvest	17.3°
Alcohol Content	10.5%
Residual Sugar	11.6 grams/Litre
Total Production	457 cases of 12



TASTING NOTES

Our 2018 Riesling has intense aromas of lime, peach and wild flowers. On the pallet it has mouth-watering acidity and notes of citrus, with flavours of peach and honey and an elegant backdrop of balancing sweetness. Extremely versatile, enjoy with a range of dishes such as spicy curries, fresh fish, roasted pork or a wide variety of cheese.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Our first vintage of Riesling from our Lakeshore farm vineyard, the fruit was harvested in late September and transferred directly to the press. From there the must was transferred to stainless steel for fermentation and subsequent aging for 9 months. The wine was then fined and filtered prior to bottling in October 2019.

VINTAGE NOTES

The winter of 2017/2018 was again mild, with an especially warm February, but a cool April with some snow and ice pushed bud-burst back for an average start to the growing season. Once the summer finally started it was hot and humid, with prolonged periods of extreme heat. Luckily rain started in September, perfect to refresh grapes destined for early picking such as Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Gamay for sparkling and Pinot Gris and Chardonnay for whites. Unfortunately, the rain did not stop and there was some pressure to pick late ripening whites and early ripening reds before disease set in. Gamay, Pinot Noir, Riesling and Merlot had to be sorted in the vineyard and again on sorting tables in the winery to ensure only pristine bunches were kept. The rain finally subsided in late October so late-ripening varieties such as Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon were harvested in pristine condition. Overall yields were low with intense ripeness in most varieties. Early picked whites are crisp and full of flavour while later picked reds are full-bodied with ripe tannins. Wines will be drinking well on release or can cellar for the medium term.