

# Terratorium

## 2021 Riesling- Tondré Grapefield Vineyard Santa Lucia Highlands AVA

### Viticulture

This 2021 Riesling comes from the Tondré Grapefield Vineyard. The site is located at the center of the Santa Lucia Highlands Appellation. Planted in 1997, Tondré Grapefield is an ideal site for cool climate viticulture. It's south facing slopes and strong maritime influence provide enough sunlight on the vines, but a constant cooling effect. The soils of the site are well-draining decomposed granite, gravel, and sandy loam. This combination is ideal for maintaining complexity of flavors and the acidic vibrancy of Riesling. Tondré Grapefield is committed to health of the vines, fruit, soil, the surrounding environment, and its workers. This focus on People, Planet, and Prosperity is why Tondré maintain the rigorous SIP Certification on all their operations.



### Vintage Notes

The 2021 vintage in the Santa Lucia Highlands was a welcome normal vintage following the impact of extreme weather in recent years. 2021 at Tondré was characterized by persistent cool foggy conditions. The vineyard never got above 75°F all growing season. This cool condition provided the Riesling fruit ideal growing conditions reminiscent of where the grape variety naturally evolved.



### Wine Specifications

Varietal	100% Riesling	Titrateable Acidity	8.52 g/L
pH	3.05	Residual Sugar	9.5 g/L
Abv.	12.59%	Aging Vessel	Stainless Steel & Neutral French Oak Barrels
Free SO2	25 ppm	Aging Time	5 months

### Winemaking

The grapes were hand-harvested overnight and brought into the winery with no SO2. The grapes were then whole cluster pressed prior to fermentation at cool temperatures to preserve the complex aromas of the Riesling grape. Fermentation was allowed to slowly progress to its natural finishing point preserving a touch of sweetness for texture on this high acid wine. The wine was aged five months in 50% completely neutral French Oak and 50% stainless steel to promote the wine's aromatic complexity and acidity. There was no secondary fermentation. Minimally effective SO2 was added prior to bottling.

### Tasting Notes

This 2021 Riesling is electric with a balanced touch of fruit. This bright wine is primarily characterized by zippy lemon and balanced out by flavors of honeyed beeswax. The fresh acid profile cleanses the palate and leaves you wanting to come back for more. As the wine evolves in the glass, it showcases complex flavors of lime and rosemary. Perfect as a refreshing patio drink on a sunny day or the companion to light refreshing cuisine. This wine's hint of fruit can also moderate higher spiciness in foods. Best served ice cold, so chill this wine before opening.