



Wonderland of the Eden Valley Riesling 2018

Dandelion Vineyards
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Eden Valley is Dandelion Vineyard's Riesling Wonderland



Background

Dandelion Vineyards is a unique fusion of vineyards and vigneron. Our wines represent decades of experience, blending the fruit of our old vine gardens with the finest traditions of artisan winemaking.

Dandelion Vineyards are proven plantings that have stood the test of time. Our wish is to nurture the unique character of these vineyards and express their terroir in our wines.

Capturing variety, vintage and vineyard requires an enlightened approach and although our growers see the Devil in every weed, we encourage the humble Dandelion amongst the vines as they suppress winter weeds, provide mulch in summer, and proffer their Wishing Clocks in spring to blow off and make our wish come true.

Colin Kroehn tended his Eden Valley Riesling for 66 of his 86 years. Our Wonderland of the Eden Valley is made entirely from his vineyard which was planted in 1912 and thrives to this day.

Whole bunches were hand picked in the first week of March then destemmed in small batches without crushing the fruit to fill our press exactly. The free run juice was then fermented in small tanks between 11 and 14 degrees Celcius, the wine has a high level of natural acidity, 8 grams per litre, a pH of 2.76 and although bone dry, only 11.5% alcohol.

This Wonderland of the Eden Valley Riesling was bottled with minimal winemaking artifact to capture the essence of the vineyard, a looking glass if you will, and is ready to drink immediately or cellar for decades. Thank you and Vale Mr. Kroehn Vintage 1924 - 2010.

Tasting Notes

Colour
Pristine pale-straw with striking fluorescent green tinges around the rim edge.

Nose
A gem-like and shimmeringly scented aroma of glittering, glimmering, glistening purity, poise and incandescence; lime blossom and honey suckle flower intensity is as pure as it is invigorating.

Palate
An extraordinarily precise and clean citrus fruit spectrum - mandarin, bergamot, lemon, pomelo and lime. Essence of mandarin is underscored by a lilting harmony of stone-fruits, before searing, speeding, linear acidity escort lemon-meringue flavours to the palate's long finish.

Drink
Either immediately as an aperitif, or with anything from classic composed salads to seriously spicy fusion curries. With bottle age richer, redolent with a rye toast, caraway and custard bouquet.

Specifics

Alcohol: 11.5%
TA: 8 g/L
pH: 2.76
Latitude 34°38'10" South
Longitude 139°05'30" East
Altitude 1441 Feet = 440 Metres

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