



RIVERBENCH



2015 RIESLING

Estate Grown & Bottled – Santa Maria Valley

COMPOSITION	100% Riesling
HARVEST	August 23, 2015
COOPERAGE	100% Stainless Steel
ACIDITY	0.59 g/100ml
PH	3.1
ALCOHOL	12.4%
BOTTLED	January 28, 2016
PRODUCTION	112 cases
PRICE	\$24

WINEMAKERS NOTES

Riesling is the outlier at Riverbench since the focus here is on Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. In the name of experimentation, however, we started making a small amount of this lovely bottling a few years ago, and we liked the result so much we've kept it on the lineup. Riesling is, in a word, weird. It has strange yet confident aromas of rose petals and diesel, but the palate is full of lychee, peach, and pear. Made in an off-dry style, the slight amount of sugar makes this the perfect accompaniment to spicy Asian foods or even lighter desserts like panna cotta or white chocolate mousse. Be sure to toast in the name of innovation and adventure.

2015 HARVEST

We began harvest on August 3rd and completed harvest September 30, 2015. The vines emerged from dormancy early this year which translated into an early harvest. The growing temperatures varied greatly throughout the year with some very warm months and rather cool ones as well. In general, the 2015 vintage was a lighter crop in comparison to many years but it made up for it in quality. The clusters were made up of small firm berries. The harvest crews worked diligently through the cool nights bringing in this year's crop. This will be a long post-harvest season, in which, we have our fingers crossed we will receive an abundance of much needed rainfall. This will help adequately supply the vines with proper hydration for emergence in the spring. At that time, we will be ready to start another exciting vintage.

