



2011 Poet's Leap Riesling
Columbia Valley
Winemaker: Armin Diel

Inspired by the great wines of Germany and crafted by Armin Diel, proprietor of the renowned Schlossgut Diel.

Tasting Notes: Expressive aromatics of white peach, sweet jasmine flowers and a hint of flint introduce this vibrant, fresh wine. With its bright acidity, the 2011 Poet's Leap Riesling dances on the palate and continues across a long, lively finish, enhanced by a persistent undercurrent of minerality.

Vintage: The 2011 harvest produced wonderfully refreshing wine with racy acidity. A cool spring brought a late start to the vintage and temperatures remained moderate throughout the summer. September was glorious; yielding picture-perfect warm daytime temperatures and cool nights that ripened the grapes beautifully and produced fruit brimming with juicy white peach flavors and an attractive minerality.

Winemaking: Hand-harvested grapes were gently sorted and whole cluster pressed to avoid imparting bitterness while enhancing clean, crisp character in the finished wine. Fermented at a cool 60°F in stainless steel tanks to preserve fresh fruit aromas and flavors, only the best lots of the vintage were selected for the final blend.

Vineyards: The 2011 Poet's Leap Riesling brings together a variety of unique Columbia Valley growing regions, each contributing distinct vineyard characteristics to create a multi-layered wine. Long Shadows' own Sonnet Vineyard at The Benches (40%) forms the basis for the blend. Planted in 2004 with German clones in close consultation with managing partner Armin Diel, Sonnet gives the wine its minerality and a flinty character. Yakima Valley's Phil Church Vineyard (26%) adds a hint of citrus and liveliness, and finally, equal parts Weinbau Vineyard and old-vine Dionysus Vineyard Riesling contribute delightful ripe peach aromas and flavors with luscious complexity.

Residual Sugar: 1.31 g/100 mL

Alcohol: 12.3%

pH: 3.03

TA: 0.81 grams / 100ml

Release date: April 2012

Production: 3,895 cases