



2014 Poet's Leap Riesling
Columbia Valley
Armin Diel

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

Tasting Notes: Key lime and fresh citrus peel aromas give way to vivid layers of white peach and stone fruit flavors accented by a pleasant touch of minerality. Delicious natural acidity and a hint of residual sugar provide a balanced, vibrant mouth-feel and lengthy finish.

Vintage: Because the 2014 Columbia Valley growing season was the warmest on record, growers took extra care in the vineyard to make sure Riesling grapes arrived at the winery brimming with fresh, bright character. Each canopy interior was hand-pruned, carefully trimmed to protect the clusters from too much sun exposure while allowing for uniform ripening. Warm temperatures in the fall hastened ripening; the Columbia Valley's trademark cool autumn evenings helped preserve the grapes' natural acidity.

Winemaking: Handpicked Riesling grapes were gently sorted and whole cluster pressed to avoid imparting bitterness in the finished wine while enhancing its clean, crisp character. Fermented with a collection of German yeasts 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 2014 Poet's Leap Riesling brings together a distinct collection of Columbia Valley vineyards, each contributing unique components to the finished wine. Long Shadows' Sonnet Vineyard planted with German clones at The Benches in the Horse Heaven Hills (47%) contributes minerality. Yakima Valley's Phil Church Vineyard (25%) adds a hint of citrus peel and bright acidity. Old vines from Tri-Cities' Dionysus Vineyard (20%) planted in 1972 provide white peach and layers of complexity. Underwood Mountain (8%) in the Columbia Gorge was the coolest site used in the vintage's blend, selected for the grapes' lively character.

Residual Sugar: 1.25 g/100 mL

Alcohol: 12.9%

pH: 2.97

TA: 0.77 grams / 100ml

Production: 4,240 cases