



Elizabeth Spencer
RUTHERFORD 1872

RIESLING
NAPA VALLEY
VINTAGE 2023

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2023 experienced one of the longest growing seasons in a decade or more. Winter and spring rains led to healthy, saturated soils. The mild, warm summer weather supported healthy canopy growth through bloom and set. Relatively cool weather throughout the growing season in tandem with an abundance of sunshine allowed grape skins to ripen slowly. Harvest kicked off around Labor Day and wrapped up by mid-November. The long harvest season, which provided extended hang time to develop flavors leading to an exceptional, high-quality, memorable vintage.

WINEMAKING

Grapes for this riesling were sourced from an amazing vineyard tucked into the St. Helena appellation of the Napa Valley, on obsidian glass soils. Whole cluster pressed, a combination of wood and stainless steel barrels were used. After cool fermentation, the wine saw elevage in barrel to enhance the mouthfeel and develop the beautiful structure.

TASTING NOTES

Rose petals, orange blossom water, with a kiss of sunshine-sweetness that is held in perfect tension with the acidity. Bottled under cork for extended ageability but refreshing in youth. 109 cases produced.

TECHNICAL NOTES

WINEMAKER: Sarah Vandendriessche

APPELLATION: Napa

ALCOHOL: 14.0%

RS: 14 g/L

TA: 7.1

PRODUCTION: 109 Cases Produced

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