



2017 Poet's Leap Riesling
Columbia Valley

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

Tasting Notes: Juicy kumquat and lively grapefruit aromas and flavors are laced with hints of white peach and honey with a pleasing streak of minerality throughout. Beautifully balanced with just the right amount of racy acidity, the off-dry finish is long and clean.

Vintage: A wet, cool spring delayed bud break and bloom in 2017. Temperatures moderated in early summer, however, then warmed in July and August to drive heat accumulation a bit above average for the season, despite the late start. Harvest began towards the end of August, but then temperatures cooled considerably in mid-September to extend hang time and allow the grapes to reach full physiological maturity without spiking sugars. The resulting wines show excellent acidity and reflect the quality of the vintage across the board.

Winemaking: Handpicked grapes were sorted and gently whole cluster pressed to avoid imparting bitterness in the finished wine before fermenting in stainless steel tanks at a cool 60°F to preserve fresh fruit aromas and flavors. Afterwards, the winemaking team carefully evaluated each lot, using only those components that contributed to a perfectly balanced final blend.

Vineyards: The 2017 Poet's Leap Riesling brings together an outstanding collection of the Columbia Valley's best Riesling vineyards. Just over half the blend is from German clones planted for Poet's Leap at The Benches in the Horse Heaven Hills to give the wine its distinct minerality. Yakima Valley's Phil Church Vineyard adds liveliness. Vines planted in 1972 at Dionysus combine with Weinbau Riesling to contribute peach and honey aromas and flavors to the blend, and grapes from Underwood Mountain in the Columbia Gorge add complexity and bright, vibrant acidity.

Residual Sugar: 1.05 g/100 mL

Alcohol: 12.5%

pH: 3.02

TA: 0.83 grams /100ml

Production: 4,811 cases