

# WASHINGTON HILLS

2009

LATE HARVEST  
RIESLING

SUMMIT RESERVE

COLUMBIA VALLEY

#### VARIETY BLEND

100% Riesling

#### BOTTLING

pH: 3.11

TA: .74

ALC: 10%

RS: 6.3%

#### CASES PRODUCED

7440

#### COLUMBIA VALLEY

Washington's success with vinifera is due in large measure to the state's unique geography. The vineyards are planted on the east side of the Cascade Mountains, which serve to protect the region from marine weather off the Pacific coast and limit rainfall to just 6 - 8 inches annually. Low rainfall and free-draining soils allow vineyard managers to control vine vigor in order to promote flavor and ripen fruit to perfection. Cool autumn nights protect the grapes' natural acidity.

#### WINE MAKING NOTES

Preserving the intense natural fruit found here in Washington is our main goal when crafting this wine. Gentle fruit handling, Epernay yeast, long cool fermentation and protection of the wine from oxygen are the keys to capture these generous varietal essences.

#### TASTING NOTES

Wonderfully aromatic with inviting aromas of peach, stone fruit, honey and slate. A juicy palate is filled with concentrated peach, persimmon, honey and sugar cane notes. Bright acidity balances the lingering residual sugar on the finish.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

Bud break was a bit later than normal for the 2009 vintage. However, due to a long, hot summer, the grapes had plenty of hang time and experienced an accelerated growth. Harvest began early and was completed quicker than normal. The shorter harvest was a blessing as most vineyards were not effected by the October 10th frost because picking was already complete. The 2009 wines promise great color, balanced acidity and well developed fruit flavors.



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