

# WASHINGTON HILLS

2010

RIESLING

## VARIETY BLEND

95% Riesling  
3% Semillon  
2% Chenin Blanc

## BOTTLING

pH: 2.94  
TA: 0.82  
ALC: 12.1%  
RS: 2.8%

## VINEYARD

Oasis, Canyon Ranch,  
Airport, Willow Crest,  
Willard

## CASES PRODUCED

1,064

## WASHINGTON STATE

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.

## WINEMAKING 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

Tantalizing aromatics of apricot, peach, sugar cane and floral notes welcome you to this crisp Washington Riesling. Juicy tangerine, Satsuma and kiwi flavors lead to a vanilla bean custard note on the finish. Bright acidity balances out the residual sugar with lingering fruit.

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2010 growing season was on schedule with bud break in early April, but a cool, wet spring led to delayed flowering and reduced fruit set across many varieties. An unusually cool summer produced dramatic differences in ripening between warmer and cooler sites, with veraison extending well into September in some cooler areas. However, naturally low yields, combined with over a month of consistently warm weather from late September through late October, produced phenolic ripeness and flavor development with extraordinary natural acidity. Cool, wet weather returned in late October, an appropriate bookend to a challenging harvest. Overall, this vintage will show balanced and elegant wines with lower alcohol and higher acidity.



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