

EFESTĒ

Evergreen Riesling 2007

Columbia Valley



Wine Background

Evergreen Vineyard is our favorite source for Riesling grapes. The cooler climate of this vineyard site is created by its higher elevation and proximity to the Columbia River and is excellent for this grape varietal. Riesling grapes naturally ripen later in the growing season, which contributes to the complex aroma and character that we love. There are also slate and mineral notes with a lovely, bright apple and citrus quality that we have always admired in great Washington Riesling. This EFESTE wine has a fundamentally crisp and focused mouth-feel making it a fantastic food-pairing wine.

Winemaking

Brennan Leighton, known for his classic whites, was the winemaker for this crisp white. It is picked in late October allowing the higher elevation and cooler temperatures allowing the grapes to retain a lot of acidity yet keeping the sugar content low. This wine is made with 100% Riesling grapes.

Viticulture

The Riesling is sourced from Evergreen Vineyard which is located just above the Gorge Amphitheater. The vines were planted in 1995.

Analytical

Grapes: 100% Riesling

Yields:

Aging: 100% Stainless steel tanks

Vintage: Aged in stainless steel tanks with no malolactic fermentation there is only 2% residual sugar making this a dryer Riesling.

Alc/Vol: 12.0%

Notes

Evergreen is a high elevation vineyard, which is very cool compared to most Washington Vineyards. This allows the fruit to hang long into October, and still retain lots of acid while keeping the sugar accumulation low. This is a classic Riesling, balanced with tons of mineral tones.

--Brennan Leighton Winemaker