## FORT BERENS



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### RIESLING RESERVE

LILLOOET BC VQA

#### VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

50% Dry Creek Vineyard, 50% Red Rock Vineyard, Lillooet BC

Established in 2009, our vineyards are rooted on sagebrush covered bench land along the Fraser River at the base of the Coast Mountain Range. The sandy soil, arid summers, and moderate winters in Lillooet are perfect for growing premium grapes.

The winter of 2021-22 was extremely cold with a record low temperature of -25.7°C on December 27th. Despite the cold, the vines showed minimal winter damage. The season started cool and bud break was 2 weeks later than normal. Summer was hot and dry with temperatures in the mid-to-high 30s. Luckily, the growing season extended well into the fall to ensure beautiful ripe fruit.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

#### Composition: 100% Riesling

The fruit for this Riesling Reserve was sourced from special blocks in our estate vineyards, that were cropped low to produce a rich and concentrated wine. The grapes were hand harvested, then 60% was whole cluster pressed and 40% was crushed and left on the skins for 12 hours. After racking, the wine underwent a long slow natural fermentation in oak barrels. It was then aged for 9 months in mostly neutral (12% new) barrels before bottling.

#### TASTING NOTES

Savour aromatic notes of tropical fruit, jasmine, and a hint of ginger spice in this balanced and fruit-forward wine. On the palate, enjoy the rich and velvety sensation of this dry Riesling, with a long and refreshing finish.

Enjoy this very food-friendly wine on its own or with a wide variety of dishes from a sesame ginger stir-fry to fresh seafood, or pork with garlic and lemon.

This wine is ready to drink now, or with proper cellaring, you can age this wine until 2027.

TECH SPECS		AVAILABILITY	ACCOLADES
Alc.:	12.5%		
pH:	3.17	Winery direct, select restaurants, retail	92 POINTS – Michael Godel NWAC 2024
TA:	8 g/l	stores and grocery stores in BC	91 POINTS, SILVER – National Wine Awards
RS:	8 g/L	UPC: 626990248958	of Canada 2024
Vegan:	Yes	Winery Retail price: \$29.99	91 POINTS, SILVER – Decanter World Wine
Production:	398 cases		Awards 2024



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