Fort Berens ESTATE WINERY



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RIESLING RESERVE

LILLOOET BC VOA

VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

100% 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 2022-23 was extremely cold with a record low temperature of -26.4°C on December 22nd, after a long and warm fall. The quick change in temperature caused considerable damage to the most fruitful buds on the vines and the total harvest in Lillooet was only 33% of a normal crop in 2023. The summer was almost perfect: long, sunny and dry, with our characteristic cool nights to keep our grapes fresh.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Composition: 100% Riesling

The fruit for this Riesling Reserve was sourced from special blocks in our estate vineyard, that was 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 7 months in mostly neutral 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 drier style 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 2028.

AVAILABILITY	TECH SPECS	
	Alc.:	12.5%
Winery direct, select restaurants, retail	pH:	3.14
stores and grocery stores in BC	TA:	8.2 g/l
UPC: 626990248958	RS:	5.1 g/L
Winery Retail price: \$29.99	Vegan:	Yes
	Production:	246 cases



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