

POET'S LEAP

2020 RIESLING COLUMBIA VALLEY

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TASTING NOTES:

Like previous vintages, the 2020 Poet's Leap is a racy wine with aromatic notes of white flower blossoms, gooseberry and impressive minerality. On the palate, subtle flavors of apricot, honey, and white peach come into focus, with the wine's lively, balanced acidity leaving a long, satisfying finish.

VINTAGE:

Bud break came to the Columbia Valley in mid-April, and vine growth progressed moderately for the next six weeks before temperatures cooled in early June. Warm weather returned in July and stayed hot throughout the summer. In September, a heat spike caused concern the fruit would ripen too quickly. At the same time, smoke from California and Oregon wildfires blanketed the region, ironically lowering temperatures significantly to allow extra hang time for the grapes to ripen perfectly. Because of the distance between Columbia Valley vineyards and the fires, the wines were not impacted by smoke taint. The extra time on the vine allowed the grapes to reach full physiological maturity to produce wines marked by intense aromas and concentrated flavors.





WINEMAKING:

Handpicked grapes were sorted and gently whole-cluster pressed to avoid imparting bitterness, then fermented in stainless steel tanks at a cool 60⁸F to preserve fresh fruit aromas and flavors. Once fermentation was complete, the winemaking team carefully evaluated each lot, assembling a perfectly balanced wine for the final blend.

VINEYARDS:

The 2020 Poet's Leap Riesling is a blend of Horse Heaven Hills grapes and a selection of Sagemoor Vineyard's Columbia Valley sites. German clones from The Benches in the Horse Heaven Hills and Bacchus Vineyard, 15 miles north of Tri-Cities, contribute to the wine's appealing minerality.

BLEND: 100% RIESLING RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.02 G/100 ML ALCOHOL: 12.3% PH: 3.14 TA: 0.84 GRAMS /100ML PRODUCTION: 4,440 CASES