

SHELDRAKE POINT

FINGER LAKES

2016 Riesling Ice Wine

90 Points
Wine Spectator

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A luscious explosion of flavors has been captured from our Estate Riesling grapes, vine-frozen and hand-harvested at dawn during the winter of 2016.

Tasting Notes

Aromas apricot marmalade and fresh squeezed passion fruit juice on the nose. A rich and sumptuous palate, with tropical fruit flavors of guava, blood orange, and candied pineapple with a clean finish.

Winemaker Notes

In the late summer of 2016 a block of premium Riesling grapes was identified and covered by netting to prevent predation by birds and deer.

On 12/16/16 the temperature reached 14F overnight and we harvested and immediately pressed 2.36 tons of Riesling grapes frozen on the vine to get 160 gal gallons of juice with an overall harvest chemistry of 38.4 Brix, 7.5 g/L TA and a pH of 3.52.

9 gallons of the dilute juice and was inoculated with 50 g of VL-1 yeast and 64 g Go-Ferm protect on 12/22/16. 7 more additions of juice were made over the next 2 months, always keeping the Brix of the fermentation between 20 and 30 Brix. It fermented for 62 days at temperatures between 60 and 70 F, using VL1 yeast.

The wine didn't settle clear, and so was filtered on 06/19/17, 07/06/17, and 07/06/17. It was further filtered on 07/11/17 and was sterile filtered at bottling on 09/05/17.

This wine is vegan friendly.

120.5 cases of 375 ml bottles produced.

Food Pairing

The 2016 Riesling Ice Wine will make any meal a special occasion and pairs exceptionally well with each course. Try with fresh fruit or frozen grapes as an aperitif, Creole seasoned crabcake or duck confit for dinner. A small wedge of camembert cheese or poached pears also make for a great dessert match.

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Vintage:	2016
Wine Type:	White Wine
Varietal:	Riesling
Varietal Composition:	
100%	Riesling
Appellation:	Finger Lakes
Harvest Date:	12/16/2016
Acid:	6.8 g/L
pH:	3.52
Bottling Date:	09/05/2017
Residual Sugar:	19.4%
Alcohol %:	11.8%

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