

Long Shadows Poet's Leap Botrytis Riesling

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United States - Washington - Columbia Valley

The best Botrytis infected grapes of the year were meticulously hand-selected from a special block at The Benches planted with German Riesling clones. Located on a high bluff overlooking the Columbia River where a consistent breeze and cool nights keep the Botrytis pristine in favorable years, good airflow allows the grapes to stay healthy until picking commences late in the season.

Botrytis Cinerea, also known as “noble rot”, is a beneficial mold that grows on ripe wine grapes in the vineyard under specific climatic conditions. The mold dehydrates the grapes, leaving them shriveled and raisinated which concentrates the sugars and flavors. Wines made from these berries have a rich, complex, honeyed character and are higher in residual sugar.

Poet’s Leap Botrytis Riesling is a rare and multi-layered dessert wine bursting with well-ripened fruit, honey, and marmalade flavors. Although ready to drink now, this opulent late harvest Riesling will age beautifully to provide many years of enjoyment.

Specifications

Appellation	Columbia Valley
Varietals	100% Riesling
Vinification	Hand-picked grapes with Botrytis cinerea were harvested on a cold morning in mid-November at 28° Brix. Once at the winery, the grapes were pressed and the juice was allowed to settle, then racked, before undergoing a long, slow fermentation at cool temperatures to capture the Riesling’s fresh, lively character. After fermentation, the wine was transferred to neutral French oak and aged for eight months before bottling.
Production	125 (9-liter cases)

