

TAFT STREET

A SONOMA COUNTY WINERY

2008 RIESLING RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

THIS IS A LIGHT AND JUICY WINE, WITH FORWARD FRUIT FLAVORS THAT REMAIN FRAGRANT THROUGH A LONG AND GENEROUS FINISH.

VINIFICATION

THE WINE WAS COLD FERMENTED IN STAINLESS STEEL TANKS WITH MINIMAL HANDLING AND FINING.



- VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% WHITE RIESLING
- HARVEST DATES: SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2008
- BOTTLING DATE: JANUARY, '09
- TOTAL CASES MADE: 450
- ALCOHOL: 13.7%
- RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.4%
- TOTAL ACID AT HARVEST: .65G/100ML
- PH AT HARVEST: 3.00

VINEYARD LOCATION

THE GRAPES FOR THIS WINE CAME FROM THE PRESTON RANCH, LOCATED ON EASTSIDE ROAD IN THE NORTHERN REACHES OF THE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY APPELLATION.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

THE 2008 VINTAGE DID NOT LACK FOR DRAMA. IT HAD IT ALL — DROUGHT, FROST, HEAT WAVES AND WIND. THERE WERE ALSO PERIODS OF PERFECT CONDITIONS — WARM, SUNNY DAYS AND COOL NIGHTS. THE RAINS STOPPED EARLY AND THE SPRING WAS DRY. THE FIRST FROSTS OCCURRED IN APRIL AND DAMAGE WAS WIDESPREAD. MANY HADN'T RECALLED WORSE CONDITIONS SINCE 1972. IN MAY A HEAT WAVE FURTHER REDUCED CROP SIZE. THEN THE WEATHER TURNED PICTURE PERFECT, THOUGH THE HARVEST WAS EARLY FOR MANY. IT WAS A CHALLENGING YEAR, BUT INDICATIONS ARE WHAT MOTHER NATURE TOOK AWAY IN CROP SIZE SHE MADE UP FOR IN QUALITY FRUIT. THIS RIESLING SHOWS THAT FINE WINE CAN BE MADE IN CHALLENGING YEARS.