

The Storm Cellar

VINEYARD + WINERY
Hotchkiss, Colorado

DRY RIESLING

Estate
West Elks, Colorado
2020

TECH

pH – 3.1
TA – 6.5
Alcohol – 13.5%
RS – 3.6 g/L
Production – 225 cases

WINEMAKING

We hand-harvested the grapes between October 8th and 15th, 2020. Multiple passes through our various vineyard blocks of Riesling, along with multiple pressing and fermentation styles, were all blended back together to create this complex taste of our estate vineyard. All of the fermentation and aging took place in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks.

THE GRAPE

Riesling is both the defining grape of and native to Germany. This aromatic white variety can be produced in a wide range of styles, from dry or sweet, to still or sparkling. The grape is characterized by its sharp, natural acidity and its flavors of stone fruit, citrus, and flowers. Notoriously a late-ripening grape variety, Riesling is often a nail-biter to grow in the West Elks region, which often sees early fall frosts or cold temperatures.

TASTING NOTES

This classically-styled Dry Riesling is lean on the palate, with notes of lime zest, tart stone fruit, and white flowers. The finish is clean and fresh, with bright acidity and a dry mineral component. This wine is extremely versatile in food pairing situations, and it will continue to evolve in the bottle for many years to come.

RECOGNITION

Our 2020 Dry Riesling received a silver medal in the 2021 Jefferson Cup Wine Competition.

