



## WINE

Ara Riesling

## VINTAGE

2007

## APPELLATION

Willamette Valley

## VINEYARDS

Eola Hills and Krause

## PRODUCTION

333 cases

## ALCOHOL

11.4%

## RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.9%

## SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$25. | bottle

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# 2007 ARA RIESLING

## ABOUT

A CONSTELLATION IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE (JUST SOUTH OF SCORPIUS). NAMED AFTER THE ALTAR OF THE CENTAUR KNOWN AS CHIRON, WHO WAS HALF HORSE, HALF MAN, AND THOUGHT TO BE THE WISEST CREATURE ON EARTH. ARA IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE ALTAR THAT NOAH BUILT AFTER THE GREAT FLOOD. ARA RIESLING IS ONLY PRODUCED WHEN THE STARS ARE IN THE RIGHT ALIGNMENT – IT REPRESENTS POWER,

## WINEMAKING NOTES

THE GRAPES WERE HAND SORTED AND 100% DESTEMMED. THE FRUIT SETTLED FOR 1–2 DAYS AFTER PRESSING AND RACKING TO AGE IN SMALL LOT STAINLESS STEEL FERMENTATION TANKS. THE TEMPERATURES DROPPED TO 52–55 DEGREES AND YEAST WAS ADDED. FERMENTATIONS LASTED FROM FIVE WEEKS TO SIX MONTHS, DEPENDING UPON THE LOT. ONCE COMPLETE, THE WINES WERE RACKED OFF THE LEES AND INDIVIDUAL LOTS WERE TASTED TO DETERMINE THE OVERALL BLEND OF VINEYARDS. WE BOTTLED THIS WINE IN SPRING OF 2008 TO CAPTURE THE LUSH MOUTHFEEL AND HEAVY FRUIT PRESENCE.

## TASTING NOTES

THE NOSE IS PURE RIESLING, WITH HEADY AROMAS OF SLATE, LIME, LIME BLOSSOM, PETROL, FRESH CUT HAY, QUINCE, WHITE FLOWERS AND HONEY THAT EMERGE AS THE WINE IS Poured IN THE GLASS. CONCENTRATED AND POWERFUL ON THE ATTACK, THE WINE SHOWS GREAT FOCUS AND INTENSITY. THE ACIDITY AND FOCUS OF THE ATTACK LEADS TO A MINERAL LADEN MID-PALATE THAT IS SUCCULENT AND RICH. THE MOUTH COATING FINISH ROLLS ON AND ON WITH GREAT WEIGHT, DEFINITION AND INTENSITY. NEVER OPULENT OR HEDONISTIC, THE 2007 ARA IS A CLASSIC INTELLECTUAL RIESLING THAT HAS A GREAT CAPACITY TO AGE AND IMPROVE OVER THE NEXT 10–15 YEARS.



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