



GASPEREAU RIESLING 2018

2018 was a challenging growing season, beginning with an un-seasonally warm spring followed by a monumental spring freeze in early June. The spring frost, or freeze as it is more correct, affected the young shoots of varieties in frost-prone areas. As a result, yields in affected varieties and areas were drastically reduced. Lucky for us, the Riesling, grown in the upper Eastern block of our estate, was virtually untouched. Likewise for the Riesling at two of our growers' Riesling sites (Fox Harb'r and Den Haan Vineyards).

The summer was warm and dry but our usual Indian summer was cut short in the fall, abruptly ending our usual period for extended ripening. The grapes coming in to the winery were healthy and clean and the acidity and minerality pronounced.

Each block of Riesling was individually hand harvested at a ripeness level that both allowed us to capture fresh yet mature flavours and to retain a bright acidity that gives the wine its refreshing lift. 100% of the grapes were cold macerated on the skins overnight prior to pressing. The Gaspereau and Den Haan Vineyards Rieslings were cool-fermented together while the Fox Harb'r Riesling was individually cool-fermented. Both ferments occurred in stainless steel. This year, new to Gaspereau Vineyards, we held back a small amount of unfermented juice and added it back to the fermented wine prior to bottling. This juice is called Sues Reserve and is used to give added fruit and weight to the final wine. The Riesling 2018 was assembled and bottled thereafter in the winter of 2019.

Gaspereau Vineyards | White | Nova Scotia | 750 mL | 11% Alc./Vol. | \$22.49

Nose

The nose shows a distinct minerality combined with classic apple and floral notes with hints of earl grey tea aromas. The aromatics on the nose allude to a classic Riesling palate; one that achieves balance between vibrant acidity and just the right touch of sweetness.

Palate

True to the impression given on the nose, the palate reveals a freshness and minerality that only Riesling grown in a cool climate can achieve. Gaspereau Vineyards' Riesling 2018 is a blend of Riesling grown in three distinct locations in Nova Scotia: Den Haan Vineyards, Gaspereau Estate, and Fox Harb'r Vineyards. Combining these unique terroir create a truly Nova Scotian Riesling.

Notes of green apple, lime and white pepper dominate the palate of this wine, a character contributed by the Den Haan component of this Riesling while apple and floral notes are expressed more in the Gaspereau Estate component. Minerality is a pillar of this wine and is exhibited to varying degrees in all three base wines. Riesling 2018 finishes with a refreshing acidity, a lingering apple and mineral note and a balanced sweetness, making this off dry wine perfectly food-friendly.

Pairings

Ideal pairings include cream and broth-based soups, pork roasts, seafood, sushi and various fresh cheeses.

Notes

Light straw in color with a faint green hue, reflective and bright

Varietals

Riesling

*Prices are subject to change and may vary by province and/or country.

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