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## 2016 A TO Z OREGON RIESLING

**TASTING NOTES:** The 2016 A to Z Oregon Riesling is a pale gold color with just enough green hue to suggest spring is on its way. Piquant aromas and flavors of honeysuckle, lime zest, lemon balm, citron and spice include floral hints of apple-blossom and freesia over time. The wine has good intensity and no shortage of personality, bright yet rich and smooth with a hint of sweetness. Highlighting the generosity of the vintage and the complexity gained from sourcing across Oregon, the 2016 A to Z Oregon Riesling is drinking great now and will age gracefully.

WINEMAKING NOTES: The 2016 A to Z Riesling is made from fruit grown in the Rogue and Applegate Valley sub-AVAs of Southern Oregon. A blend of fruit from young and old vines are picked at multiple levels of ripeness and flavor development to produce a complex and dynamic wine with balanced acidity. The grapes are gently pressed, then variously inoculated with different yeasts to add complexity. Controlled, cool ferments help retain the fruity esters and intense flavors. No malolactic fermentation transpired.

VINTAGE NOTES: Record warm temperatures pushed budbreak and flowering earlier than ever across Oregon. This heat, interspaced with rain, led to very fast growth and heightened mildew pressure. Hot days gave way to mild temperatures across Oregon through the summer months slowing growth into an extended versaison and stretched out harvest. All in all, we saw beautiful *(if hot at times)* weather, a little lower yields than projected, and tremendous fruit that was clean, concentrated and ripe. In some ways, we have had an embarrassment of riches with a tremendous run over the past few vintages that has continued with 2016.

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