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2016 DRY MÜLLER THURGAU ELIZABETH'S RESERVE



Tasting Notes:

This crisp and fruity Riesling cross is an elegant wine that pairs with almost everything. A variety of citrus abounds with notes of pear and apple adding interest. Nearly dry this wine was a goal of Winemaker Elizabeth Clark; to create a Müller Thurgau that would make dry white wine drinkers sit up and take notice of the oft overlooked varietal.

Winemaking Notes:

The fruit was gently de-stemmed directly into the press to minimize skin contact. Pressing decisions are done by taste and the press was stopped at just over one bar of pressure. After four days of settling the juice was racked off its lees and a small portion was set aside for this wine. After inoculating with a different yeast than our Estate Müller Thurgau, fermentation temperatures were kept at 55° to 58°F. We stopped fermentation after about three and a half weeks when the acidity and floral notes balanced the touch of remaining sugar. The wine was then racked for cold stabilization and filtering and bottled in March 2017.

Harvest Notes:

2016 might have been our earliest spring ever. Bud break occurred around March 20th, a full 10 days earlier than 2015. A warm growing season without excessive heat led to an early harvest with a minimum of issues, something every farmer hopes for. An early harvest meant we were not dodging fall rains and could let the fruit hang on the vine until sugar, acid and flavors came into balance, something every winemaker hopes for.

Our winery and our estate vineyard, Dunn Forest, are LIVE certified sustainable and Salmon Safe. The vineyard is hand cultivated allowing us to respond to individual vine needs.

Wine Information:

Alcohol: 11.4%
pH: 3.09
Titratable Acidity: 6.1 g/L
Residual Sugar: 0.5%
Malolactic: No
Aging: Stainless Steel
Number of Cases: 143

Harvest Information:

Appellation: Willamette Valley
Vineyard Sources:
Dunn Forest (Estate) planted 1983
Harvest Dates:
Dunn Forest: Sept 21st
Sugar: 18.8° Brix
Titratable Acidity: 5.3 g/L

