



## 2016 Riesling

### Variety Information:

Riesling is a white grape variety which originated in the Rhine region. Riesling is an aromatic grape variety displaying flowery, almost perfumed, aromas as well as high acidity. It is used to make dry, semi-sweet, sweet, and sparkling white wines. Riesling wines are usually varietally pure and are seldom oaked. As of 2004, Riesling was estimated to be the world's 20th most grown variety, but in terms of importance for quality wines, it is usually included in the "top three" white wine varieties together with Chardonnay and Sauvignon blanc. Riesling is a variety which is highly "terroir-expressive".

### Vineyard Information:

Arrowhead Vineyards – Lake Michigan Shore AVA

### Blend Information:

100% Riesling

### Harvest Information:

Date: 10/25/16    Brix: 18.2  
pH: 3.58            TA:

### Aging Information:

Aged in plastic tanks, no oak.

### Bottling Information:

ABV: 11.2            pH: 3.29  
TA:                    RS: 2.0  
# of cases: 99      Date: 8/10/18

COLA: 11242001000115

### Organoleptic Description:

Our medium-sweet Riesling is a great representation of this popular German white wine made from Lake Michigan Shore grapes. It presents a pleasant floral nose with a bold varietal flavor and a wonderful citrus finish.

### Vintner's Commentary:

2016 was a very difficult year in the vineyard. The very hot summer yielded very ripe fruit that was low in acid. The fruit received from Arrowhead was in excellent condition. Because I don't like to chemically manipulate the wine but rather take what the grape gives us, I did not add acid during vinification. However, at bottling the wine was just too flat so I added tartaric acid. This increased the crispness of the



wine as desired but adding the acid after cold stabilization has led to a small cold stability issue. There is some bitartrate precipitation after chilling the wine.



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