

Phelps Creek

V I N E Y A R D S

2019 Phelps Creek 'Ziegler' Riesling Columbia Gorge

WINEMAKER COMMENT

Our winemaker Bill Swain spent time in Germany as a young boy. Is this the reason he has an affection for Riesling? We are not sure, but we are loving the results of his passion for this grape! 2019 saw an abundance in Riesling in the Columbia Gorge and we took advantage! Our first Riesling release for 2019 was a picking from Flume Vineyards on the west side of the Columbia Gorge on Underwood Mountain with Clark Ziegler managing the vines. The vines perched on a lower, southern facing slope benefit from an extended growing season with cool nights and warm days. Volcanic soils bring in balanced mineral notes.

PHELPS CREEK VINEYARDS

The most westerly vineyard on the Oregon side of the Columbia Gorge AVA, Phelps Creek is nestled amongst the foothills of Mt Defiance at 1200 feet elevation. Established in 1990, our small boutique winery focuses on estate grown Pinot Noir and Chardonnay varietals, annually producing 5,000 cases of wine in total. Vineyard care takes center stage in our wine production, where sustainable agricultural practices combined with careful management of the fruit yields on the vines lead to the noted luxurious intensity within our bottle.

VINTAGE

The 2019 season began in the early days of May, this warmer than average spring was followed by a slightly warmer than average summer, but beautifully cool fall. Harvest began with our earlier ripening varieties in late September with ideal conditions of sunny skies, cool days, and cold nights allowing the fruit to ripen incrementally. Ultimately the vintage allowed for plenty of hang-time and a luxurious crop of Riesling.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The vintage allowed for plenty of hang-time and a luxurious crop of Riesling. Full cluster press and aging in stainless steel retains the original composition of the fruits flavors. This wine was crafted in an off-dry style, balancing beautiful fruit with bright acidity.



REVIEWS

92 Points - *Wine and Spirits Magazine (August 2021)*
"A wine that seems to capture the Gorge in all its restless tension, sunny and rich at one pass, lean and mineral the next. It's tropical and bright in its aromas with biscuity lees notes and white peach; the latter gets amplified with air. The flavors are marked by rich concentrated fruit, with length that comes from being full in body." - P.J.C.

TASTING NOTES

The cool climate cultivation results in beautiful acid balance, while volcanic soils add spice and mineral elements. This wine demonstrates Halbtrocken level of sweetness with floral aromas of Honeysuckle and Nasturtium.

BOTTLE NOTES	
Harvest Date:	10/6/2019
Stainless Steel Élevage	6 months
Residual Sugar	2%
Alcohol per Volume:	11.4%
Bottling:	April 2020
Case Production:	236