



SPERLING VINEYARDS

LOVE AND LABOUR SINCE 1925

2017 OLD VINE RIESLING



Longevity

Heritage Series

Honouring the decisions of the past in the location of the vineyard and varietals planted.

Growing Conditions

Our clone 21 Riesling vines were planted on SO4 rootstock in 1978 by Bert Sperling. The soil is fine mineralogical clay, high in calcium and minerals providing ideal conditions for fine Riesling and conveying mineral-supported structure to the wine. This vineyard has been continuously owned and farmed by the Sperling family.

Winemaking

Harvested from 40+ year old Clone 21 Riesling vines at 20.5 to 21.5 brix and 10 g/L acidity. Fruit hand-harvested cool in late-fall, then bunch sorted and destemmed with a 4-6 hour cold soak before gentle pressing. Slightly settled juice is fermented cool with non-aromatic and wild yeast in stainless steel to desired dryness when fermentation is halted.

Food Pairing

Enjoy with crispy lemon sesame chicken and wakame seaweed salad. Pairs well weighty dishes with citrus flavours or oily textures.

Harvest Date: September 28, 2017

Technical Notes

Region: East Kelowna Slopes
Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, Canada

Winemakers: Ann Sperling & Rickard Branby

Varieties: 100% Riesling

Aging Potential: 10 years **Drink:** Now - 2028

- Organic
- Regenerative
- Estate
- Small Lot
- Vegan
- Gluten Free
- Ready to Drink
- BC VQA
- Flagship
- Best for Cellaring

Colour: Deep Lemon

Flavours: Marmalade, Almond

Alcohol: Medium | 12%

Sweetness: Off Dry | 18 g/L

Acidity: Medium-High | 9 g/L | 3.04 pH

Body: Medium-Full

Tannins: None

Closure: Screw Cap **Bottle Size:** 750mL

CSPC: 627843118046 **SKU:** 134486

Tasting Story

We are sitting in old pine deck chairs, partly shaded from the warm afternoon sun by the creaky porch of the old family log cabin. The buttercups wave a cheery hello in the field below. You pass me an antique plate with oozing lemon tart, and we sit there in the half-sun, drinking oolong tea, savouring mouthfuls of citrus as the world goes by.

Production Volume: 135 cases