



TA: 0.80 g/100 mL

PH: 3.17

ALCOHOL: 12%

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.71 g/100 mL

BLEND:
100% Riesling

COLUMBIA VALLEY

2017 XLC Dry Riesling

VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2017 growing season was cooler and crop yields were significantly lower in comparison to the past two vintages.
- The lower temperatures delayed ripening and helped to retain fresh fruit aromatics and mouthwatering acidity.
- Despite cold winter conditions, 2017 gave us concentrated wines with classic Washington state character.

VINEYARD NOTES

- Eroica XLC begins in the vineyard with proper site selection taking into consideration irrigation management, crop levels and canopy management.
- Vineyard managers work to adjust yields and manage fruit exposure to prolong ripening for added flavor development.
- Evergreen Vineyard in the Ancient Lakes AVA provided a majority of the fruit for the 2017 blend.

HISTORY NOTES

- Launched in 1999, Eroica is a labor of love for two of the world's great Riesling producers.
- Old World, Dr. Loosen estate of Germany, and the other from the New World, Chateau Ste. Michelle of Washington state.
- An intermingling of Old and New World philosophies enables the crafting of an extraordinary Riesling from Washington state grapes.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Grapes were harvested at night when the vineyard temperatures were coldest to preserve the fresh acidity.
- Berries went direct to press, avoiding the possible loss of freshness caused by a crusher/destemmer.
- Eroica XLC was crafted in an upright oak cask with native yeast fermentation and aged for 22 months on full lees (the spent yeast).

TASTING NOTES

“Supple texture, remarkable depth and complex flavors are the hallmarks of Eroica XLC. Extended Lees Contact (XLC) is a modern interpretation of classic, Old World, dry-style Riesling. In keeping with Germany’s Grosses Gewächs “GG” designation, this is a dry wine sourced from distinctive vineyards.” - David Rosenthal, Winemaker