



TA: 0.88 g/100 mL

PH: 3.20

ALCOHOL: 12.5%

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.82 g/100 mL

BLEND: 100% Riesling

CASE PRODUCTION:  
500

#### COLUMBIA VALLEY

## 2021 XLC Dry Riesling

#### VINTAGE NOTES

- 2021 was a very warm growing season which resulted in intensely concentrated flavors in the wines.
- Our typical cool nights during harvest helped us retain the wonderful natural acidity Washington is known for.
- The 2021 season produced red wines with classic varietal character and dense in concentration and white wines with bright vibrancy.

#### VINEYARD NOTES

- Ernst Loosen and Chateau Ste. Michelle winemakers collaborate on site selection, irrigation management, crop levels and canopy management.
- Vineyard managers work to adjust yields and manage fruit exposure to prolong the ripening season for added flavor development.
- Riesling for the XLC came from Evergreen Vineyard in Washington's Ancient Lakes AVA.

#### 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.
- Named for Beethoven's Third Symphony, Eroica reflects bold flavors from Washington and refined elegance from German inspiration.

#### 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 19 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. This wine is crafted in an upright oak cask and aged for 19 months on the full lees (spent yeast).