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2013 Bacchus Vineyard Riesling

VINTAGE

Over the course of the last few vintages, the Columbia Valley has seen a shift from two of last decade's cooler vintages in 2010 and 2011 to the warmest vintage of the last ten years in 2013. An early bud break was followed by warm temperatures that persisted through August. Harvest started earlier than normal but cool September temperatures slowed ripening considerably, and most grapes benefitted from the drawn-out hang time that occurred because of these cooler temperatures.

VINEYARDS

At Januik Winery, we believe single vineyard wines should only be made when a particular site yields an exceptional wine that reflects the unique character of the vineyard. Bacchus Vineyard is located outside Pasco on a southwest facing slope which overlooks the Columbia River. Planted at Bacchus Vineyard are two of Germany's best Riesling clones, Geishenheim 198 and Neustadt 90, from which our Riesling is made.

WINEMAKING

After gently pressing the grapes and cold settling the juice overnight, the fermentation was initiated with Anchor Vin 13, a yeast isolate which was developed largely because of its wonderful aromatic characteristics. Temperatures never exceeded 55F for the duration of the fermentation which was finally arrested almost seven weeks after it began.

TASTING NOTES

Crisp and refreshing, the Bacchus Vineyard Riesling is packed with apricot, peach, floral and grapefruit flavors and aromas. Punctuated with mineral notes, the finish is bright, balanced and lingering.



ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Total Acidity.....	0.62g/100ml
pH.....	3.18
Residual Sugar.....	1.81grams/100ml
Blend... ..	100% Riesling
Cases.....	238
Bottling Date.....	April 17, 2014

Mike Januik, owner/winemaker