

CATTAIL CREEK

FAMILY ESTATE WINERY

Simply making great wine...

ESTATE SERIES RIESLING 2013

VQA Niagara on the Lake

THE VINEYARD

Weather conditions during the 2013 season were quite variable, but on average, the temperatures were close to normal and precipitation ranged from normal to a bit wetter than normal.

Spring was cool and wet ending with some isolated late frosts before moving quickly into hot weather. June and July were both warm, with humid periods and stormy conditions appearing often. After a wet mid-summer, August brought more stable weather, warm to normal temperatures and less rain. The grapes ripened more or less on schedule.

September was a pleasant, dry month which set the stage for harvest. Temperatures through September and October were slightly higher than normal but October was wet with higher than normal daytime temperatures and a

higher than usual diurnal shift between daily highs and night time lows.

The Riesling grapes were sourced from our Cattail Creek Vineyard and are a blend of Clone 49 (also known as the Alsatian Clone), Clone 21 Old Vines (planted in 1976) and Clone 21 Young Vines (planted in 1999).

THE WINERY

The Riesling vines were de-stemmed and crushed prior to a gentle pressing. The must was then transferred to a stainless steel tank and underwent cold settling for nearly 48 hours before racking and inoculation with a yeast imported from Alsace chosen for its excellence in fermenting Riesling wines with wonderful grapefruit and mineral aromatics. The cool fermentation took nearly 16 days to complete after which the wine was racked off of the lees and prepared for bottling on June 4, 2014.

THE WINE

Wonderful flavours of white grapefruit, lemon zest, pineapple and green melon. The hint of sweetness balances the crisp acidity leading to a dry, evolving finish. Pair with Thai-inspired dishes, chicken stir fries and pork dishes. Serve chilled.

Alcohol: 12.0%

Residual Sugar: 17.2 g/L

Case Production: 228 cases

Brix: 18.2° (Riesling Clone 49)/18.1° (Riesling

Clone 21 Old Vines)/18.0° (Riesling Clone 21

Young Vines)

Retail Price: \$16.95

Licensee Price: \$14.82

Availability: Winery Only