



Madrone Mountain Vineyard

Artisanal Dessert Wines From Oregon

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STARHISTLE CUVÉE 2007

Riesling 74% (Brix 19.5) Vitae Springs Vineyard, Salem, Oregon.
Huxelrebe 26% (Brix 24.8) High Pass Vineyard, Junction City, Oregon.
Residual Sugar 4.5% Total Acidity 7.0 g/L pH 3.15

General Remarks

Once again, we pay tongue in cheek tribute to the Starthistle, that nasty vineyard weed we love to hate. This year, however, our perennial (weed joke) fun wine turned serious. To the delicious spice and zip of huxelrebe, a pre-war hybrid of Chasselas and Courtillier-Musqué, we added the elegant complexity of old vine (30-year-old) riesling, enhanced in 2007 by substantial *botrytis*.

Tasting Notes

A nose of cream, mint, linden flower and ripe pineapple is followed by classic riesling flavors of lime, peach and wet stones. The mid-palate hints of mango, guava and coconut while the finish, bright and clean, rolls languidly into leafy notes – blackcurrant bud, fresh-cut hay and thyme.

Bottled in March, 2008 in a 750 ml format. Thirteen barrels were made.

Awards

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