



2021
"SO BE IT"
RIESLING
CLARKSBURG

As an off-the-beaten path location, it's hard to beat Rivercat Vineyard in Clarksburg, a small farming community just south of Sacramento and an hour east of Napa Valley. But as a grape growing appellation, the Clarksburg AVA has been gaining attention over the last twenty years because of its proximity to the Sacramento Delta and the breezes that cool the grape vines of this inland region, enabling the practice of high-quality viticulture. At Rivercat Vineyard, the focus is on Alsatian-style grapes like Gewurztraminer, Pinot Gris, and the variety we chose to add to the PV365 portfolio, Riesling.

GROWING SEASON

The level of enthusiasm Patrick has shown for the 2021 growing season in Napa Valley extends to many surrounding regions. Clarksburg is no exception. As yet another excellent vintage for California, he enthuses that the warm, dry winter and spring across northern California helped keep fruit yields low, with smaller berries and clusters—even in warmer growing regions like the Sacramento Delta. And as in other parts of the state, the '21 vintage in Clarksburg resulted, in his words, in "excellent quality, with concentrated and intense flavors" in the finished wines.

WINEMAKING

PV365's Riesling grapes were picked from Rivercat Vineyard's breeze-cooled vines on September 1, relatively early in the harvest season. The ripe grapes were whole cluster-pressed, with primary fermentation carried out in stainless steel tank. Aging of the fermented juice took place in a combination of tanks and neutral oak barrels to add a touch of richness to the flavor profile, a level of complexity that was augmented by the addition of 1% Gewurztraminer from the same vineyard. Patrick's accomplishment with this inaugural PV365 Riesling bottling is quite impressive, as he has allowed the variety's pure fruit transparency, along with the vineyard's striking minerality, to shine through in the vintage.

TASTING NOTES

Right out of the bottle, enticing aromas of fresh citrus and ripe stone fruit are immediately present. There's an underlying mineral note on the nose, a wet stone characteristic that carries through on the fresh, zippy palate. More stone fruit emerges in the range of complex flavors, with juicy nectarine and apricot balanced by a crisp, mineral-driven acidity. A hint of orange peel on the long finish adds yet more complexity to this '21 Riesling.

SPECIFICS

WINE: 2021 "So Be It" Riesling

VINEYARD: Rivercat

AVA: Clarksburg

HARVESTED: 9/1/21

BRIX @ HARVEST: 22.4 °

AGING: 6 months in stainless steel and neutral French oak barrels

BLEND: 99% Riesling, 1% Gewurztraminer

PH: 3.32

TA: 6.8 g/L

ALC: 13.5%

AROMAS: Citrus, wet stone, apricot

FLAVORS: Brine, nectarine, orange peel

PROFILE: Crisp and dry with light weight, balanced acidity and ripe fruit flavors.
