

2015 RIESLING

KICK ON RANCH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

475 CASES PRODUCED

Dry Riesling. I know you are thinking Liebfraumilch when I mention Riesling, but perish that thought. Dry Riesling is different, it's refreshing, it's food friendly, it's the perfect summer sipper, even better (can't be!) than Rosé! Check it out!

Kick On Ranch turns out to be an ideal spot for Riesling. Located in the Los Alamos Valley, one of the three east-west valleys of northern Santa Barbara County, and like Santa Maria Valley and western Santa Ynez Valley there are no mountains blocking the Pacific's unrelentingly cool breezes. And this fact sets the stage for moderate temperatures during the summer months. Travel east in the same valleys and the ocean influence decreases and the temps jump up. So, Riesling at Kick On ripens slowly and is always one of the last vineyards we harvest each year. Sugar accumulation is also slow and only in warm 2009 did we feel we had to harvest because of fears of it getting out of control. The vineyard is not much to look at, it grows on pure sand, dirty grey sand--the type I remember from going to the beach in Oxnard, California when I was a kid. But that's good too, because sand is terribly poor in nutrients and the vines struggle and struggling vines make for good wine.

We take our Riesling seriously, it's all barrel fermented and barrel aged in old 228 liter barrels at a cold temperature, and bottled in the late spring.

BLEND 100% Riesling

VINEYARDS Kick On Ranch

AVA Santa Barbara County

ALCOHOL 13.5%

VINIFICATION 100% Neutral French Oak

BARREL AGING 9 Months

TOTAL PRODUCTION 475 Cases

PRESS REVIEWS

Jeb Dunnuck

"Coming from a mix of all seven single vineyards, the 2015 Syrah Santa Barbara County is gorgeous, and lovers of elegant, cool-climate Syrah should snatch up this wine. Blackcurrants, blueberries, violets and hints of peppered meats give way to a rounded, supple, juicy palate that's not lean in the least.." - Jeb Dunnuck 93 Points

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