



PIED DE CUVE RIESLING - 2016

Technical info

Vineyard	Mulberry Tree Vineyard Cawston, Similkameen Valley, BC, Canada
Clones	21B, 49, 90, 110, 198, 239
Alcohol	13%
Dryness	Dry (2.07 g/l RS)
Harvest Date	September 27-October 1, 2016
Production	156 cases
SKU	861286
UPC	6 26990 19165 0
Price	\$26.00 (+tax & deposit) (\$22.89 whsl, \$26.49 Hosp)

Tasting Notes

The 2016 Pied de Cuve Riesling is a pure expression of our Mulberry Tree Vineyard and the great vintage. The nose shows intense white peach, golden apple, apple blossom, lime and a hint of honey. Bone dry on the palate with crisp, racy mineral acidity and flavours of lime, green apple, lemon zest, peach and nectarine with powerful stony minerality on the long finish.

Vinlage & Production

Pied de Cuve are Little Farm's natural wines. These are wines that receive almost no intervention from start to finish and are therefore a pure reflection of the place, the grape and the vintage. Pied de Cuve is a technique to start a fermentation using only the yeasts that are naturally occurring on the skin of the grapes. About a week before harvest we picked a bucket of grapes, crushed it by foot and left it to ferment in the vineyard. It is kept in the vineyard and away from the winery so the grapes' own yeast can start the fermentation, rather than in the winery where ambient yeast living in the winery from previous vintages could take over the fermentation.

The 2016 vintage was perfect for Riesling. Starting early it looked like an excessively hot year until a cool July extended the growing season by nearly a full month giving increased flavour intensity. The six different clones were whole cluster pressed directly to old, neutral barrels to ferment slowly on the lees. After seven months on the lees it was racked, receiving just 10ppm sulfur and then bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in April 2017.

About Little Farm Winery

Little Farm Winery is the small hands-on operation of Rhys Pender MW and Alishan Driediger. It started with a passion for wine and developed into growing and producing Chardonnay and Riesling from their Mulberry Tree Vineyard at their home in Cawston, BC in the beautiful Similkameen Valley. A dry Rosé and Cabernet Franc from Blind Creek Vineyard were added later. The goal was always to make wines with minimal manipulation and intervention that really capture the vineyard site and each year's unique growing season. The vines were planted in 2009 on the calcium carbonate rich soil, braving the unforgiving Similkameen sun and wind. The first wines were made in 2011. Total production in 2016 was 1,000 cases. Little Farm Winery will never be big and will always focus on making small batches of single-vineyard wine that reflect each site's unique characteristics. The goal is to make interesting, characterful, natural-ish wines and look after our little farm.

Rhys Pender MW, Wine Grower

Alishan Driediger, Wine Grower

