



2021 RIBOLLA GIALLA

PHILOSOPHY & PRODUCTION NOTES

RIBOLLA GIALLA IS AN EXCITING GRAPE IN THE JOHAN VINEYARDS REPERTOIRE. WE GRAFTED THIS VARIETY INTO OUR VINEYARD IN 2017, ALONG WITH A FEW OTHER EXPERIMENTAL VARIETIES. IT IS A NATIVE GRAPE CHAMPIONED IN NORTHERN ITALY, NAMELY THE FRULI REGION. THE GRAPE HAS A DISTINCTLY UNIQUE AND EXCITING EXPRESSION OF THE VAN DUZER CORRIDOR AVA. IT PRODUCES LOWER ALCOHOLS, FINE TANNINS, AND LIVELY AROMATICS EVOCATIVE OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS. WE FERMENTED THE WINE ON SKINS FOR 30 DAYS, THEN BARREL-AGED FOR A YEAR BEFORE BOTTLING - UNFINED OR FILTERED.

VINTAGE NOTES

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPERIENCED A RELATIVELY WARM WINTER DURING 2020-2021, AND MUCH OF THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY SAW AVERAGE TO BELOW AVERAGE WINTER PRECIPITATION. WITH A COOL AND DRY START TO THE GROWING SEASON, WE SAW BUDBREAK THE THIRD WEEK OF APRIL AND PROGRESSED THROUGH A FEW HEAT SPIKES AND THEN ONTO SOME COOL WEATHER IN LATE MAY, AND RAIN DURING FLOWERING IN JUNE. THE MOST MEMORABLE WEATHER EVENT OF 2021 WAS THE EPIC "HEAT DOME" IN LATE JUNE, WHICH FORTUNATELY DID NOT DAMAGE THE VINES OR DEVELOPING BERRIES THANKS TO THE TIMING OF THE EVENT AND CORRESPONDING PLANT GROWTH STAGE. THE REMAINDER OF THE GROWING SEASON WAS WARMER THAN AVERAGE, WITH A COOL DOWN IN BOTH AUGUST AND DURING HARVEST IN OCTOBER. IN COMPARISON TO 2020, FRUIT SET WAS CONSISTENT BUT YIELDED SMALLER CLUSTERS AND BERRIES OVERALL. 2021 WAS A WONDERFUL GROWING SEASON, WITH LOW DISEASE PRESSURE, AVERAGE YIELDS AND PERFECT CLUSTERS - WHICH LED TO CONCENTRATED, FRESH AND COMPLEX WINES ACROSS ALL CLONES AND VARIETIES AT JOHAN.

PRODUCTION: 143 CASES PRODUCED

ALCOHOL: 10.8%

pH: 3.79

TA: 5.9 g/L