

CLAIBORNE & CHURCHILL

2007 Dry Riesling

Riesling is widely considered one of the world's greatest wine grapes, and dry wines from this variety reach their loftiest heights in the Alsace region of Northeast France. We take the Alsatian tradition as our inspiration and produce structured, intense, full-bodied wines without the high levels of residual sugar that many American consumers are accustomed to in this variety.

The Riesling is the last of the whites from our 25th vintage to be released. Like its sister wines from the 2007 harvest (the Dry Gewürztraminer and the Pinot Gris) it shows a rich, ripe, and intense fruit. From its honeysuckle aromas to its peaches-and-cream flavors, it is perhaps the most opulent Dry Riesling we've made, bigger and more full-bodied, viscous and mouth-filling, with a finish that seems to go on forever. You can sip this wine as an aperitif if you want, but do not hesitate to showcase it as a true dinner wine. It can stand up to the richest, spiciest food you choose to serve.

This wine was made in traditional C & C fashion. 2/3 tank fermented at cold, slow temperatures and 1/3 barrel fermented in neutral French oak. Select yeasts were used to enhance the aromatic qualities in the grape. Fermented dry, this wine still holds the richness that many sweeter Riesling do without the residual sugar. This makes the 2007 Dry Riesling one of the best food wines.

Our favorite foods to pair with Riesling include roasted fowl; halibut, sole, trout, and other mildly flavored fishes; dungeness crab & other shellfish; Sushi, and many vegetarian dishes.



2007 Dry Riesling, Central Coast

Alcohol: 12.6% | pH: 3.34 | TA: 7.8g/l
Residual Sugar: 0.4%

Harvested: October 9, 2007, 23.4 Brix

Bottled: April 24, 2008
1689 cases produced

Flavor descriptors: Aromas of sweet honeysuckle, peaches, and maybe a little lemon peel. This is a rich wine with a soft mid-palate and a crisp finish.

Claiborne & Churchill is proud to be recognized as one of the world's premier Riesling producers. In the Spring of 2003 we were the only American winery to be awarded a Gold Medal at the World Riesling Competition in Strasbourg (Alsace), France.