

RIESLING

ORIGIN

Riesling is a white grape variety which originated in the Rhine region of Germany.

VITICULTURAL CHARACTERISTICS

Riesling prefers slate, but thrives in sandy loams as well, and therefore does quite well on our site. It is considered to be one of the best varieties for terroir expression, as it reveals its growing conditions in the wine. Tight bunches make it susceptible to botrytis bunch rot late in the season. Riesling is difficult to ripen in Nova Scotia as it requires a long season.

COMMON WINE STYLES

In cool climates, Riesling wines tend to exhibit apple and tree fruit notes with high acid levels that are often balanced with residual sugar. Riesling is a late-ripening variety that can develop more citrus and peach notes in warmer climates. Riesling's naturally high acidity and pronounced fruit flavors gives wines made from the grape immense aging potential. Well-made examples from favorable vintages often developing smokey, honey notes with some aged Rieslings developing a petrol character.

PLANTERS RIDGE PRODUCTS

At Planters Ridge, we make a 100% stainless steel fermented Riesling from our Estate vineyard planted with Weis clone 21B.