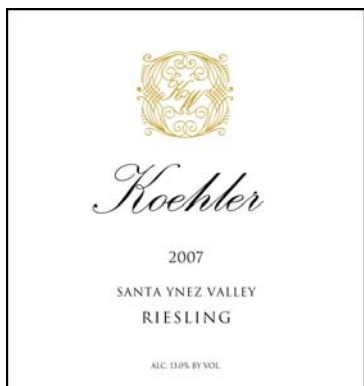




Koehler



Appellation

Santa Ynez Valley

Vineyard

100% Estate

Composition

100% Riesling
Harvested Oct 4, 2007

Fermentation

100% Stainless Steel

Aging

One month in Stainless Steel

Technical

22.4° Brix at Harvest
13.0% Alcohol
0.71 g/100ml TA
3.00 pH
1.5% Residual Sugar

Production

1,378 cases
Bottled Jan 24, 2008
Released Aug 1, 2008

2007 Riesling, Santa Ynez Valley

Growing Season and Harvest

All of the fruit for this wine came from the 5-acre block of Riesling on the Koehler Estate. The 2007 growing season saw more normal rainfall totals, requiring no additional irrigation. The long Indian summer allowed us to ripen the fruit fully.

Winemaking

We harvested and slightly pressed the fruit at night, and fermented the cold juice at a very cold temperature for more than two months to capture the whole essence of the fruit. Fermentation was stopped at one-and-a-half percent residual sugar and the wine aged in stainless steel for an additional month prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

This Riesling is akin to those produced in the Rhine region in Germany. Light gold in color, this wine has a nose of lemons and honeysuckle. The palate is off-dry, with notes of lemon meringue, Granny Smith apples, and a hint of petrol. The 1.5% residual sugar in this wine is balanced with bright, crisp acidity, leading to a very smooth finish. Drink now through 2009.

The Koehler Estate

Koehler Winery evolved from the 1997 purchase of a property with vines up to 30 years old. At that time, all of the fruit grown on the estate was being sold to other producers. The vision of the Koehler family was to instead make their own premium wines from it at affordable prices. Sixty-seven acres are planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Grenache, Riesling, Sangiovese, Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah, Mourvedre, and Viognier. The micro-climatic diversity on the 100-acre estate results in a superb quality of fruit. The 30-year old vines are recognized as among the best in the Santa Ynez Valley and surrounding area.