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## 2016 CHARLES & CHARLES RIESLING

ART DEN HOED VINEYARD • YAKIMA VALLEY • WASHINGTON STATE

### THE VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage's slightly different profile is due to the cool September and October months, which allowed an even gentler ripening. Also, the fact that it's our third year working with this vineyard and we believe that we are directing the farming a little better, particularly from an irrigation point of view.

### THE WINE

The result is a wine that has a unique richness for Riesling as the high tones are even a bit higher. There's a touch more of the high tone key lime Mosel component that shines through to make for a more dynamic and complex profile. The aromatics have a distinct citrus zest, key lime, apricot, peach and summer flowers. Thankfully, none of the aromas or flavors dominate, allowing an underlying salinity and mineral component to shine through. The wine is beautifully balanced from a kiss of sugar and bright acidity.

- ★ PH – 3.05
- ★ RS – .12g/L
- ★ ALC – 12%
- ★ 15,000 cases produced

### THE TERROIR

This Riesling is 100% from grapes grown on the Art Den Hoed vineyard, right on the outside edge of the Rattlesnake Hills AVA, in the Yakima Valley. Aside from Art's great farming, what makes this vineyard special for world-class Riesling is the gently sloping, high elevation (1,250 feet) and shallow, well-drained Warden Series silt loam soils. The higher elevation maintains a mountain climate with much more moderate summer temperatures.

### THE LABEL

Hatch Show Print, the legendary poster shop from Nashville, TN created the original label from which this is based. It's an abstract American Flag in honor of the tremendous wine heritage and current practice right here in our great country.

### THE PROJECT

A collaboration founded in 2008 between Wine Enthusiast Magazine 2014 Winemaker of the year, Charles Smith (K Vintners, Charles Smith Wines) and Charles Bieler (Three Thieves, BIELER Père et Fils & Gotham Project). We make just four wines together. The Rosé, a Cabernet Sauvignon blend, a Chardonnay, and this single vineyard Riesling.