



2019 RIESLING

KICK ON RANCH
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Kick On Ranch is a few miles West of Los Alamos, getting close to the ocean and Vandenberg Air Force Base, and this vineyard is home to our Riesling. It's located in a narrow East-West corridor that funnels the Pacific Westerlies inland, so the wind is near constant and you get goosebumps even when visiting the vineyard in summertime.

It's a truly marginal location for growing grapes. The wind and fog challenge the vines, and the terribly poor sandy soils temper vine vigor. Our Riesling is always our last white fruit to ripen (generally in October). So much abuse and deprivation seems like a bad thing, but it's exactly what provides the intense character and fine balance that you'll find in our dry Riesling.

The cool 2019 vintage gave us profoundly good fruit, and we gave the first half of the crop overnight skin contact. So, we aged this Riesling into Summer rather than bottle it in Spring. Because of that, the placement of familiar Kick On elements is different. The outer layers are all minerally and floral, whereas the exotic primary facets (with rare fruits like pomelo and cherimoya) drive the perfume from within. It's truly and bracingly dry, with a lively and fresh mid-palate full of zesty citrus notes and apricots, then a mouthwatering finish with fresh gingery spice and earthy resonance.

BLEND 100% Riesling
VINEYARDS Kick On
AVA Santa Barbara County
ALCOHOL 13%
VINIFICATION 100% Neutral French Oak
BARREL AGING 11 Months
TOTAL PRODUCTION 126 Cases

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