

CHATEAU MONTELENA

POTTER VALLEY RIESLING

2014

Nose Aromas of lemon blossom, honeysuckle and rose petals are immediately apparent with a quick swirl of the glass. They're followed by ripe strawberry, fresh-cut melon, and cinnamon.

Palate On the palate, the wine evolves slowly but beautifully. The lively acidity is juicy and mouth-coating; gradually giving way to apricots, pineapple, and lemon candy. There's a subtle spiciness that carries through the midpalate and balances the viscosity and texture – all hallmarks of the 2014 vintage.

Finish The finish is rich and refreshing, lingering past lemon meringue and kaffir lime.

Vintage Weather

Potter Valley is a sublime setting for growing Riesling. Situated northeast of Ukiah at the headwaters of the East Fork of the Russian River, the floor of this tiny valley sits at 1000 feet of elevation, higher than some hillside vineyards in Napa Valley. The weather is brisk due to proximity to the Pacific Ocean and, consequently, the Riesling is typically the last fruit to arrive at Montelena during harvest. After weeks of Cabernet and Zinfandel, the crisp, zesty Riesling is a welcome refresher to the weary crew. 2014 continued that trend as we waited patiently for flavor development and maturity into October. The result is a classic, age-worthy wine with vibrancy and richness.