



THE VINEYARD

Mountain Road Estate Vineyard

Mountain Road Estate is owned by David Braganini, third generation owner of St. Julian Wine Company and his brother John Braganini. Going back to their roots established by their grandfather Mariano Meconi, David & John purchased 20 acres of property on the south side of Coloma, Michigan. On the top portion of this land, 3 acres of Riesling and 3 acres of Pinot noir were planted in 2008. The first crop of this vineyard was in 2010, establishing St. Julian's first Braganini Reserve Estate wines. To expand this wonderful estate vineyard, 3 acres of Sauvignon blanc were planted in 2012 and 3 acres of Cabernet sauvignon were planted in 2014. Mountain Road consists of sandy soils with low fertility and low-water holding capacity to enable precise control of vine growth. Warm, sunny days and cool evening temperatures create ideal conditions for intense aroma and flavor development in the ripening grapes.

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RESERVE

2017 MT. ROAD RIESLING

WINEMAKING

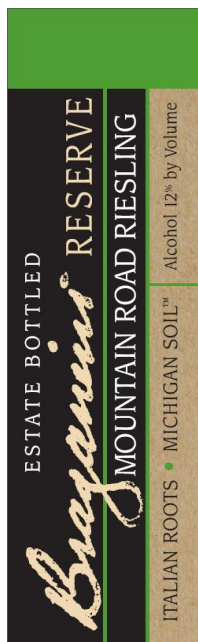
In our ongoing quest to experiment with new, innovative winemaking techniques never yet explored by St. Julian, the 2015 crop of David & John Braganini's Riesling was processed quite differently than in years past this wine bypassed the crushing process and went directly into the press. This "Whole Cluster" pressing did not yield nearly the amount of juice per ton, as if it were first crushed, but the quality of the juice was second to none. This wine was also inoculated with a yeast strain used mostly for Sauvignon blanc production. Usually exploring a yeast that is sensitive to temperature for arrested fermentations, we were still able to stop fermentation at 1.1% residual sugar to balance the razor-sharp acidity. To our delight, this wine is quite different than all the other Riesling's in St. Julian's portfolio!

AGING & BLENDING

This is a bright, clean wine designed to be consumed shortly after release. There is no oak aging to weigh it down. All aging took place in chilled stainless steel tanks before bottling to preserve the fresh fruit character.

TASTING NOTES FROM NANCIE OXLEY

The 2015 Mountain Road Estate Riesling is bursting with lively aromas of ripe peaches, tropical fruits and grassy notes. Reminiscent of Sauvignon blanc, it's semi-dry, yet impeccably balanced, this wine finishes with flavors of passion fruit, gooseberries and tangy citrus fruits.



Appellation	Lake Michigan Shore
Varietals	Riesling
Alcohol	12%
Acid	7.4 grams per Liter
pH	2.86
Residual Sugar	1.1%
Retail Value	\$19.99
Cases	431
Food Pairing	Aparagus, fish, salty cheese, spicy Mexican or Asian, pesto pasta, foods that go with lemons
UPC	0%