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TASTING NOTES

VARIETAL BACKGROUND

Riesling was born in the Rhine region of Germany, with one parent being Gouais Blanc and the other a cross between Traminer and a wild vine. It dates back to the 15th century, with the first documented reference being a sale of six vines in 1435. Later, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the popularity of German Riesling wines reached an all-time high. Connoisseurs paid as much for these wines as for many of the great red wines of France, as their unusual ability to develop for decades in the bottle was well-known.

Riesling vines have very hard wood, making them well-suited to cool-climate wine regions. They are particularly resistant to frost, allowing viticulturists to prune them earlier than other varieties.

SIP™ CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE

The Niven family's two estate vineyards, Paragon and Firepeak, have earned the Sustainability in Practice (SIP™) Vineyard Certification. Managed by their Pacific Vineyard Company, the family has ensured that these vineyards have historically been farmed in a careful and responsible manner, taking into account all facets of the surrounding environment. Certification proves their collective commitment to environmental stewardship, economic viability, and equitable treatment of employees. A project of the Central Coast Vineyard Team, SIP™ provides a comprehensive and verifiable method to authenticate a vineyard's attention to integrated farming practices.

TANGENT RIESLING

As in the old world countries where it is made, the grapes for this wine were grown in a cool climate; in our Paragon Vineyard in the Edna Valley of California. The extended growing season allows the clusters sufficient time to fully ripen, developing rich and concentrated varietal characteristics. The soil structure, mostly derived from ancient volcanoes, contributes to a brisk minerality in the wine.

**TASTING NOTES FROM WINEMAKER
CHRISTIAN ROGUENANT**

The tangent Riesling offers a refreshingly vibrant mineral character, contrasted by fresh, juicy melon and peach flavors backed by bright highlights of citrus. It has racy acidity with a finish that dances on the palate. It pairs well with spicy Pacific Rim cuisine and Mexican dishes made with cilantro-based sauces.



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ALC. 13.5% VOL.



EDNA VALLEY



PARAGON VINEYARD
RIESLING

WINE STATISTICS

Vineyard	Paragon Vineyard Edna Valley, California, USA
Vineyard Certification	SIP™ Certified Sustainable
Tons per acre	2.9
Harvest date	October 1, 2008
Average Brix at harvest	24.6 degrees
Yeast	Vin13
Fermentation	100% Stainless Steel ferment at 41 degrees for 58 days
Barrel contact	Zero
% ML	Zero
Alcohol	13.5%
Acid @ bottling	6.77 g/l
pH @ bottling	3.19
RS @ bottling	5.88 g/l
Bottling date	March 31, 2009
Closure	Screwcap
Cases made	765
Suggested Retail	\$20.00