# HOUSE WINE

**2011 RIESLING** 

**HOUSE WINE** is the wine you drink anytime with anything... honest, tasty & real.

# **COLUMBIA VALLEY**

Washington's success with vinifera grapes is due in large measure to the state's unique geography. The vineyards are planted on the east side of the Cascade Mountains which serve to protect the region from marine weather off the Pacific coast and limit rainfall to just 6 - 8 inches annually. Low rainfall and free-draining soils allow vineyard managers to control vine vigor in order to promote flavor development in the grapes. Warm daytime temperatures ripen fruit to perfection. Cool autumn nights protect the grapes' natural acidity. Creating wines with perfect balance and flavors.

## **VINTAGE NOTE**

The 2011 growing season was the coolest and longest on record. Similar to the 2010 vintage, 2011 began with a cool, wet spring that delayed flowering and lightened the crop set. The weather warmed up in mid-July, but temperatures remained moderate until late August. Verasion started late August, and extended well into September. The naturally low yields were then provided six weeks of consistently warm weather to help phenolic ripeness and flavor development. Overall, this vintage will show balance and elegant wines with crisp natural acidity and fruit forward flavors.

# **TASTING NOTE**

Enticing peach, key lime and guava marry with a hint of soap stone on the nose. The rich and creamy mouthfeel is layered with green apple, stone fruit and a touch of residual sugar. Lingering peach and tangerine are on the fresh, clean finish.

### **FOOD PARING**

Shell fish and summer salads

### **BLEND**

89% Riesling / 7% Chardonnay / 5% Gewurztraminer

### **BOTTLING**

Alc.- 12.5%

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