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# Hermann J. Wiemer

## VINEYARD

### RIESLING JOSEF VINEYARD 2016

The Josef Vineyard is home to the longest established Riesling plantings on our estate. These mature vines produce wines of intense flavor through lower yields and longer hang times. Josef's ideal slope, deep soils, and proximity to the lake add further to the site's potential ripeness. The result is a Riesling of truly unique character. Tropical acidities and firm mineral structure underpin a giving, stone fruit palate. The weight and spread gained from these late pickings enhance its textural mouthfeel. In turns floral and spicy, the aromatic depth of the Riesling Josef Vineyard will increase significantly over time be it in a decanter or in a cellar.

<b>Appellation:</b>	Seneca Lake AVA, estate bottled & grown
<b>Estate Selection:</b>	Josef Vineyard
<b>Vine Age:</b>	40 years
<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	October 17, 2016, hand picked and sorted
<b>Yield:</b>	2.8 tons per acre
<b>ABV:</b>	9.5%
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	5.9%
<b>Vinification:</b>	Whole cluster press, cold fermentation 6 months, no fining or filtering agents



Josef & Magdalena  
Vineyards



HJW Vineyard

#### Reviews and Ratings

*93 points (2016), Robert Parker Wine Advocate*  
*92 points (2016), Wine Spectator Magazine*  
*91 points (2016), Wine & Spirits Magazine*  
*90 points (2015), Wine Spectator Magazine*  
*93 points (2015), Robert Parker Wine Advocate*  
*94 points (2015), Jamsuckling.com*

#### Our Methods

At Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard, meticulous viticulture standards and ecologically enhancing vineyard management enable us to produce estate wines of balance and complexity with minimal additives. We depend on cover crops and organic compost to improve biodiversity in our soils and have eliminated herbicides from our vineyard sites. We hand harvest and hand sort our grapes which in turn reduces the use of sulfur in our fields and in the winery. Our fermentations rely on indigenous yeasts and we eschew any fining or filtering agents. Our wines are therefore vegan and gluten-free.

Central to the care we take in our production is the HJW Vine Nursery. The nursery is a repository for decades of regional expertise and a platform for tailoring our vineyard approach with careful precision. It is a key link between our healthy soils, robust vines, and the excellence that we strive for in every wine.