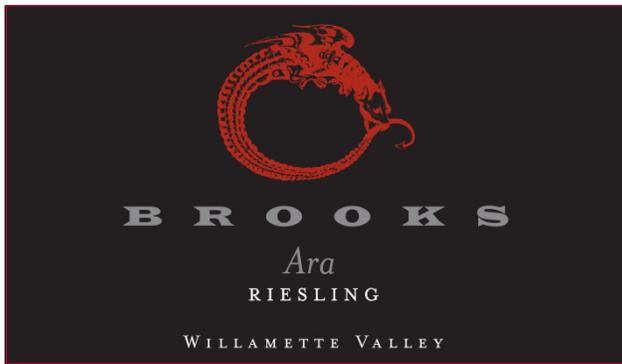


# 2016 ARA RIESLING



## TASTING NOTES

**BOUQUET:** ORANGE BLOSSOM ESSENCE, RAINIER CHERRY, LANOLIN, RIPE PINEAPPLE, NECTARINE

**PALATE:** CANDIED LIME, ATAULFO MANGO, BITTER ORANGE MARMALADE, SUMMER PEACH, WATERMELON RIND, FLAKED SEA SALT

**PERCEPTION:** ELEGANTLY PERFUMED AROMATICS AND MOUTHWATERING ACIDITY INTERPLAYING WITH SOFT TANNINS YIELDING DEPTH AND TENSION ON THE PALATE

**DRINKABILITY:** DELIGHTFUL AND EXPRESSIVE NOW; REWARDING FURTHER COMPLEXITY WITH TIME IN BOTTLE



### VINEYARDS:

50% BROOKS ESTATE,  
50% YAMHILL

### AVA

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

### VINIFICATION:

#### CRUSH FORMAT

STRAIGHT TO PRESS

#### BARREL/STAINLESS

STAINLESS

#### FERMENT TEMPERATURE

50-70° F

#### FILTRATION

CROSS-FLOW

#### DATE BOTTLED

FEBRUARY 3, 2017

### BY THE NUMBERS:

#### RESIDUAL SUGAR

14.4 G/L

#### PH

3.01

#### TA

7.9 G/L

#### ALCOHOL

12.8%

#### CASE PRODUCTION

400

#### SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$28

**2016 VINTAGE:** SIMILAR TO THE PREVIOUS TWO VINTAGES, THE 2016 GROWING SEASON CONTINUED TO PUSH THE ENVELOPE FOR DEFINING THE NEW NORMAL IN OREGON AS ONE OF THE EARLIEST ON RECORD. AN UNUSUALLY WARM SPRING BROUGHT BUD BREAK BETWEEN 2-4 WEEKS EARLY, AND A SHORT HEAT SPELL AT BLOOM CONDENSED THE FLOWERING PERIOD, RESULTING IN A SMALLER FRUIT SET. SUMMER PROVIDED AVERAGE CONDITIONS WITH FEWER HEAT SPIKES THAN THE 2014 OR 2015 VINTAGES, WHICH LED TO SMALLER BERRY SIZE AND A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF FLAVORS. A WARM AUGUST SHEPHERDED ALONG THE EARLY VINTAGE AT BROOKS, RUNNING FROM SEPTEMBER 2-OCTOBER 12TH. THOUGH IT WAS AN INTENSE GROWING SEASON DUE TO THE EARLY START, THE HARVESTED GRAPES SHOWED WONDERFUL CONCENTRATION AND COMPLEXITY WITH HIGH NATURAL ACIDITY.



**BROOKS**

### ABOUT BROOKS:

OUR APPROACH TO WINEMAKING IS SIMPLE. WE SEEK NATURAL BALANCE IN THE VINEYARD AND CELLAR, TO SHOW THE TRUE EXPRESSION OF TERROIR IN OUR WINES. WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT ORGANIC AND BIODYNAMIC FARMING; AS WE BELIEVE IT NOT ONLY CREATES BETTER WINES, BUT THESE IMPORTANT PRACTICES HELP KEEP OUR EARTH ALIVE AND ECOSYSTEM INTACT.