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## 2003 • JOHANNISBERG RIESLING • COLUMBIA VALLEY WASHINGTON

### VINTAGE

The 2003 vintage was one of the warmest vintages in the last 10 years in Washington with hot weather lasting throughout the entire month of September. The last weeks of October finally brought arctic weather but not until all the grapes were ripened to their optimal potential. Cool sights for white wines were a prerequisite to retain delicate fruit flavors and reasonable acid levels.

### VINEYARDS

The vineyard sources for this wine are located in the Columbia and Yakima Valley Appellations. 89% Preston and 11% Newhouse.

### WINEMAKING

Final Blend – 89% Johannisberg Riesling, 11% Morio Muscat. The grapes were both machine and hand harvested and crushed and stemmed immediately after harvest. Clean juice was racked from the lees 2 to 3 days after settling in the stainless tanks, the subsequent juice lees were filtered back into the body of the main blend. The juice was inoculated with M-1 and 58W3 yeasts. These yeasts were used specifically to enhance the aromatics and fruitiness of the wine. Fermentation was held strictly at 58 degrees Fahrenheit to maintain the delicate esters and fruit flavors. Fermentation was stopped approximately 30 days after yeast inoculation.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Bottled December, 2003, cases produced 4290, pH 3.41, TA .54. RS 3.3%, alcohol 11.8%.

### TASTING NOTES

This semi-sweet Riesling offers generous Honeydew Melon and “tuity fruity” aromas. Flavors of sweet pears, melons, pineapple and citrus are followed by a focused, crisp finish. Enjoy now through 2006.

### BOOKWALTER JOHANNISBERG RIESLING PEDIGREE

The Rieslings from Bookwalter are always sold out within 9 – 10 months after release. Past accolades include, best buys selections from the Wine Spectator, The Wine Enthusiast and Northwest Palate Magazines.



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