

LONGCORE SPARKLING RIESLING

Longcore's Yard D'Vine Old Mission Peninsula

The Longcore Vineyard was one of the original LFC vineyards. Jim Longcore lovingly cared for this half acre of fruit until he fell ill and eventually passed away in 2019. Through the course of his illness, the vineyard had to take a back seat, and it, too, fell into poor health. Winemaker Bryan Ulbrich has taken the rehab of this vineyard on as a combination pet project and dirt therapy.

The Riesling from the first two of those rehab years presented a conundrum: The 2020 vintage was a high acid/high sugar year, and 2021's harvest saw low sugar/low acid. Those proportions themselves don't make for the balance we look to achieve with Riesling, but together would balance one another out. We chose to blend the two vintages, then let the wine go through a secondary fermentation in the bottle: the traditional method for making sparkling wine, but with an untraditional grape. This is the first sparkling Riesling we've made, but Bryan intentions are that it won't be the last.

THE VINEYARD

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Appellation: Old Mission Peninsula

Varieties: Riesling, Cabernet Franc

Acreage: .5

Year Planted: 2002

Planted by: Jim and Mim Longcore

Tended by: Bryan Ulbrich



wine specs

RS: 3 g/L

PH: 2.95

ABV: 11.7%

74 cases

Aged: Stainless

Aging window:

3 years