TATOMER

Technical Sheet:
Tatomer, Riesling, Kick-on Ranch Clone 239 SP8TL353 2021
SRP $30
143 cases of 375mls produced.

Harvest date: October 1st
Sweet (40g/L)
Yeast: Native
Fermented in stainless steel
Blocked ML

Vinous 92 points, Wine Enthusiast 93 points, Wine Advocate 94 points

Kick-on Ranch is a small vineyard located to the northwest of Sta. Rita Hills in California. It is one of the coldest and windiest sites in Santa Barbara County. The soil is Betteravia Sandy Loam on top of Monterey Shale. My section sits on a mild southwest facing hill. This aspect helps expose the vines to the cold air flowing off the Pacific Ocean. This cold air allows me to get a long hang-time while avoiding too much Botrytis. However, 2021 was a special year and we did see a high amount of Botrytis in the vintage. The barometric pressure was rising and falling at an unusual pace. This allowed for a rare opportunity to peel off some selections of the noble rot. The resultant wine is an Auslese level Riesling. Since we are not allowed to use this term, I have opted for the numeric code instead. Hopefully the Germans are okay with this. The more common "late harvest" label just doesn't do the wine justice. Enjoy now or over the next several decades. It also remains fresh open for a week or more.