



# MORGAN

CRAFTING HIGHLANDS' HISTORY



## 2021 DOUBLE L VINEYARD RIESLING

<i>appellation:</i>	SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS
<i>vineyard:</i>	DOUBLE L
<i>clones:</i>	17(198), 239
<i>soil:</i>	CLAYEY CHUALAR LOAM (GRANITIC)
<i>climate:</i>	VERY COOL, REGION I (UCD)
<i>alcohol:</i>	10.6%
<i>acidity:</i>	7.2 G/L
<i>residual sugar:</i>	1.4%
<i>ph:</i>	3.07
<i>cooperage:</i>	4 MONTHS AGING IN STAINLESS STEEL
<i>production:</i>	149 CASES
<i>retail price:</i>	\$24.00

### PLACE

Located in the well-drained foothills above the Salinas Valley, the Santa Lucia Highlands appellation is California's most distinctive region for growing terroir-driven wines. Strong afternoon winds and coastal fog originating from nearby Monterey Bay flow through the AVA, resulting in one of the longest growing seasons in North America.

Conscientiously farmed since the original plantings in 1997, today the Double L is the only certified organic vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands. Located at the northern end of the AVA, the vineyard's unique north-south row orientation provides optimal wind and sun exposure.

### VINTAGE

The 2021 growing season commenced with budbreak in mid-March after a cold, dry winter. Very windy conditions during flowering led to below average fruit set. Classically cool Monterey temperatures continued throughout the growing season, punctuated by brief heat waves that moved ripening along. Harvest began on September 7th and concluded abruptly in late October preceding a rain event, resulting in clean and perfectly ripe fruit. The '21 vintage is characterized by moderate alcohol, healthy acidity, and structure making for cellar-worthy wine.

### WINE

Our riesling grapes were foot stomped and left to macerate over night, then the juice was cold settled after gentle pressing. Freshness and bright fruit character were preserved by cold fermentation, which was then arrested by chilling to achieve an off-dry style and low alcohol.

In the glass, the 2021 Double L Riesling displays a graceful, appealing nose of citrus blossom, guava, and white peach. Characteristic riesling flavors of golden delicious apple and meyer lemon work beautifully with the wine's opulent aromatics. This wine's style starts with subtle sweetness, yet finishes bright and dry (much like a traditional German "Kabinett"). It is a natural pairing for spicy Asian cuisine or Roquefort cheese.