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2025 Double L Vineyard Riesling

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 2025 season opened with windy conditions during flowering, leading to below-average fruit set across the region. A temperate summer brought cooler-than-average days and warmer-than-usual nights, moderating ripening. Harvest began in mid-September – later than recent vintages, though historically on pace for the region. A mid-harvest rain event raised early concerns, but fair weather followed and fruit remained unaffected, with harvest concluding in October.

WINE

Our riesling grapes were foot stomped and left to macerate overnight, 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.

The 2025 Double L Riesling displays a graceful, appealing nose of orange peel, peach, and candy ginger. Characteristic riesling flavors of kumquat and honeycomb 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 dishes or glazed ham.

APPELLATION:	Santa Lucia Highlands
VINEYARD:	Double L
CLONES:	17, 239
SOIL:	Clayey Chualar Loam (Granitic)
CLIMATE:	Very Cool, Region I (UCD)
COOPERAGE:	6 months in Stainless Steel

ALCOHOL:	12.5%	pH:	2.83
ACIDITY:	6.8 g/l	PRODUCTION:	278 cases
RS:	1%	RETAIL PRICE:	$28.00

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