



# Kendall-Jackson

This Riesling reveals bright citrus, exotic fruit, and floral elegance, showcasing Kendall-Jackson's mastery of cool-climate Monterey vineyards.



## Vintner's Reserve Riesling 2022

California, USA

### Region and Vineyards

The fruit comes primarily from **Monterey County (99%)**, with a touch from Sonoma (1%). Monterey's vineyards benefit from a **long, cool growing season**, shaped by ocean breezes and morning fog from Monterey Bay. These conditions allow Riesling to develop **slowly and evenly**, retaining natural acidity while achieving aromatic ripeness.

The soils are diverse: on the northeast side of the valley, vines root in **decomposed granite (DCG)**, imparting minerality and precision, while the southwest vineyards sit on **alluvial benchland over ancient riverbeds**, adding depth and fruit concentration. This geological diversity translates into a Riesling of both **vibrant freshness and layered complexity**.

### Winemaking

The blend consists of **95% White Riesling, 3% Viognier, and 2% Pinot Gris**. The addition of Viognier contributes aromatic lift with floral and stone fruit notes, while Pinot Gris brings roundness to the palate.

Fermentation was carried out in stainless steel to **preserve freshness and aromatics**, with careful temperature control to highlight citrus and floral notes. The wine is bottled young to retain its vibrant character. With **12.6% alcohol, pH 3.17, and total acidity of 0.67 g/100 mL**, the result is a lively, crisp Riesling with a subtle off-dry balance.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Pale straw with green highlights.
- **Aroma:** Orange blossom, papaya, and white grapefruit, accented by honeysuckle.
- **Palate:** Juicy flavors of candied pineapple, Asian pear, apricot, and blood orange, finishing with a touch of candied ginger. A seamless marriage of citrus brightness and floral delicacy.

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## Did you know?

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Riesling was once among the **most planted white grapes in California**, especially in Monterey and Mendocino, where its freshness appealed to consumers. Today, Kendall-Jackson remains one of the key producers keeping California Riesling in the spotlight .

## Wine Pairing Ideas

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- **Thai green curry with coconut milk** - the wine's bright acidity and touch of sweetness balance spice and richness.
- **Seared scallops with citrus glaze** - echoes the wine's citrus and floral notes while enhancing its freshness.
- **Goat cheese and herb tart** - the tangy creaminess pairs with Riesling's vibrant fruit.
- **Spicy Szechuan shrimp** - the slight off-dry character softens chili heat, while citrus and ginger flavors resonate with the dish.



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