

MERRIMAN'S

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WINES BY THE GLASS

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Willems-Willems, Riesling, Kabinett, Saar (Mosel), Germany, 2020

\$18/gls, \$72/btl

Five generations of women have run and operated this family estate in a region well-regarded for its piercingly sharp rieslings, mostly done in a trocken (dry) or off-dry style. The winery flies under the radar but manages to put out some of the region's most delicious and ageable rieslings.

- **Grape:** 100% riesling, average 75-year-old vines
- **Winemaking:** Fermented in stainless steel with wild yeasts. As a general rule, rieslings are ultra-cold-fermented to hinder malolactic fermentation. Aged 9 months on the lees.
- **Profile:** Zippy and zesty. Light-bodied with flavors of green apple, kiwi and grapefruit, and smoky, saline elements for balance. Off-dry, with vibrant acidity to match the sweetness.



Foley Johnson Estate, Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley, CA, 2019 \$35/gls, \$140/btl

After years of managing an impressive portfolio including Chalk Hill, Sebastiani, Ferrari-Carano, Mt. Difficulty, and Lucien Albecht, husband-and-wife team Bill Johnson and Carol Johnson-Foley decided to strike out on their own, establishing their eponymous winery in 2012.

- **Grapes:** 76% cab sauv, 10% cab franc, 7% petite sirah, 4% malbec, 2% merlot, 1% petit verdot
- **Winemaking:** Aged 26 months in 40% new French and American oak
- **Profile:** Dense, bold, concentrated, intense. Plums, blackberries, tobacco, vanilla, oak spice.