



Welcome to the Riesling Expert Tasting Series

We are so excited you have decided to embark on this exciting Riesling journey with us! During our three-week program, you will taste different styles and ages of Riesling, and learn about growing, making, tasting and pairing the noblest white grape variety. This letter contains important information about how to attain the Silver Thread “Riesling Expert” award.

Step 1: Source Appropriate Wines for the Tasting

If you have purchased our Riesling Expert Virtual Tasting 6-pack, you have everything you need to taste along with us during the sessions. Silver Thread followers may already have these or similar wines at home. Please let us know by e-mail (info@silverthreadwine.com) or Facebook Messenger before Session 1 the wines you will be substituting or using. You can send a photo or the names of the wines.

Session 1, May 1, 2020, 5:30-6:30: Dry Riesling 2014 (2011, 2012, 2013 also ok) and Dry Riesling 2018 (2016 or 2017 also ok).

Session 2, May 8, 2020, 5:30-6:30: Riesling STV Estate Vineyard 2018 and Riesling Doyle Fournier Vineyard 2018. You may substitute other vintages of these wines, but they must be from the same vintage.

Session 3, May 15, 2020, 5:30-6:30: Riesling Late Harvest Select Gridley Bluff Point Vineyard 2017 and Semi-dry Riesling 2018. You may substitute any Riesling Gridley Bluff Point Vineyard for the Late Harvest and you may use another vintage of Semi-dry Riesling.

Step 2: Prepare your Tasting Setup

In order to properly compare the two wines in each session, you will need two identical wine glasses per person. You will pour a tasting sample (about 2 oz.) of each wine and compare them side-by-side during the session. Also, be sure the wine is at proper serving temperature of 45-50 degrees F. If you pre-chill it in the refrigerator, be sure to take it out of the fridge 20 minutes before the session so the wine is not too cold.

Step 3: Participate in the Tasting Sessions

Sessions will be broadcast through live stream on Vimeo and Facebook. To access the video on **Facebook**, go to www.facebook.com/silverthreadvineyard at the specified time. Click on the red light near the top or side of the page signifying Live Video. You may need to refresh your page several times. If you are not able to join live, you may watch a recording of the session under the Videos tab later.

To watch on **Vimeo**, go to <https://vimeo.com/412107813> which is a landing page for all three nights of the series. Video will be archived at <https://vimeo.com/silverthreadvineyard> for later viewing.

After each session, we need to hear from you with observations, insights, and/or questions so we know that you participated. You can e-mail us (info@silverthreadwine.com), use Facebook Messenger, or post in our Riesling Expert Facebook Group. You may also comment on the live stream post but be aware it will be public. The email and messenger options are private.

Additional course reference materials, including winemaker notes, maps and photos will be posted at <https://silverthreadwine.com/riesling-expert/>.

Step 4: Receive Your Award*

At the end of the three-part series, each participant who has completed steps 1-3 will receive a Silver Thread Riesling Expert medal, made by local woodworker Tom Fish. The medal is a perfect size for displaying on the neck of your favorite bottle of Riesling. If there is more than one person in your household participating, please make sure each of you submits a unique comment at the end of each session so that you can each earn the award.

Remember, completion of the Riesling Expert award is OPTIONAL. You are more than welcome to view the tastings and sample the wines WITHOUT working toward the award. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to helping you expand your knowledge and enjoyment of Riesling.

Cheers,



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