Stirm Wine Co.

California, USA

Winemaker: Ryan Stirm
Region: California, USA
Location: Santa Cruz, California
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Wirz Vineyard & Gimelli Vineyard, Cienega Valley

24 hours of whole cluster maceration to extract tannins, aroma, and flavor compounds in the skins. After a cold settle in the tank, the clean juice was racked to barrels for spontaneous fermentation. Elevage in barrel on fine lees post completion of secondary fermentation.

Practicing Organic

46% Riesling, 25%Chardonnay, & 29% Chenin Blanc

About the Winery/Winemaker

Ryan Stirm hails from Contra Costa County, California, where his first exposure to fine food and wine came in the form of washing dishes for his local culinary school. After studying at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo and working in vineyards worldwide (Margaret River, Australia; Wachau, Austria; Santa Barbara County, California, and others), Ryan founded Stirm Wine Co. with a focus on a single grape: Riesling. Ryan believes that Riesling is the most dynamic, transparent, and exciting white wine grape used in winemaking today. Stirm cites the grape's storied and prestigious history in California prior to the 1970s when Chardonnay became the ""it"" varietal. He also suggests that it is best positioned for success in a changing climate, as a drought-tolerant, extreme winter hardy, late budding, heat tolerant, late ripening, high acid varietal with stylistic variation unmatched in most other grapes.