The Chronicle's Wine Selections: *West Coast Riesling*

Here are the panel picks from 39 West Coast Rieslings from 2003 and 2004 tasted for today.

Wine	Price	Body	Dryness	Comments
2002 Amity Vineyards Willamette Valley Late Harvest Riesling	$15	Medium-full	Sweet	Rich peach, nectarine, herb and honey on nose and palate plus flavors of berry pie, pear and creme brulee; good acidity and mouthfeel; sweet and succulent. (13.26% RS; 375 ml.)
2004 Bonny Doon Pacific Rim America Dry Riesling	$11	Light-medium	Dry	Nose of nectarine, lemon zest and mineral; peach pit, melon, citrus peel, pear, lemon and mineral on the palate; long and dry; lean but good balance. (0.5% RS)
2004 Boyer Monterey Riesling	$12	Medium	Dry-semidry	Aromas of flint, mineral, currant and candied orange; green apple, lemon-lime, honeydew and lemon SweeTart flavors; crisp and refreshing; slight richness on the palate. (0.8% RS)
2004 Casa Nuestra St. Helena Riesling	$19	Light-medium	Dry	Very good and a panel favorite. Mineral, smoke and lime aromas with rich palate of peach, pineapple, citrus, grapefruit rind and slate; a bit hot on the finish. (0.8% RS)
2004 Chateau Bianca Willamette Valley Riesling	$9	Medium	Dry-semi-dry	Nose of flowers, cherry candy, mineral and subtle apricot with a touch of sulfur; watermelon candy, lemon-lime soda and cantaloupe on the palate. (0.8% RS)
2004 Columbia Winery Cellarmaster's Columbia Valley Riesling	$9	Medium	Semidry-sweet	Aromas and flavors of orange, brown sugar, dried apricot, tarte tatin/caramelized apple and nutmeg with some banana and peach; moderate finish. (5.75% RS)
2004 Covey Run Columbia Valley Riesling	$8	Light-medium	Dry-semidry	Subtle nose of lemon, peach, jalapeno and mineral; stone fruit palate with lemon drop and wet stone flavors; zesty and zingy with lively acidity to carry the sweetness. (2.7% RS)
2004 Elk Cove Vineyards Willamette Valley Riesling	$17	Medium	Semidry	Very good and a panel favorite. Dainty aromas of lime, nectarine, ripe pear, smoke and mineral; peach, melon, orange flower water and mineral favors; lemony finish. (0.8% RS)
2004 Esterlina Cole Ranch Riesling	$16	Medium	Semidry-sweet	Subtle aromas of fruit, grape juice, unripe pear and banana; fruity and soft on the palate with banana, circus peanuts and lemon-lime soda; nice mouthfeel; (2.83% RS)
2004 Fetzer Valley Oaks California Riesling	$9	Medium	Semidry-sweet	Dried fruit and zesty lemon on the nose; pineapple, ripe white peach and tutti-frutti flavors; a nice summer sipper; moderate sweetness and finish. (3.10% RS)
2004 Hagafen Napa Valley White Riesling	$19	Medium	Semidry-sweet	Nose is slightly green and Sauvignon Blanc-like; zesty, fruit-forward flavors of peach, lemon, canned pear and green herb; not quite enough acidity to handle the fruit. (3.9% RS)
2004 Hagafen Potter Valley White Riesling	$15	Medium	Semidry	Aromas of gardenia, orange blossom, peach, green apple and citrus; dried fruit, lime, jalapeno, citrus rind and mineral flavors; fairly well balanced and long. (2.0% RS)
2004 Hogue Genesis Columbia Valley Riesling	$15	Medium	Dry-semidry	Excellent and the panel favorite. Aromas and flavors of Asian pear, dried apricot, peach, lychee, kiwi fruit and orange flower water; seamless, elegant; focused acidity. (1.25% RS)
2004 Hogue Columbia Valley Johannisberg Riesling	$9	Medium	Semidry	Subtle nose of sweet jasmine and lime blossom with simple, sweet flavors of apricot jam, sweet lemonade and circus peanuts. (1.54% RS)
2004 Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve California Riesling	$10	Medium	Dry-semidry	Gentle floral nose with restrained aromas and flavors of honeysuckle, honeydew, mango, apricot and biscuits; nice body; moderate acidity and finish. (1.95% RS)
2004 Lemelson Vineyards Willamette Valley Dry Riesling	$19	Light-medium	Dry-semidry	Lemon, melon, peach, mineral and touch of sulfur on nose with herb, slight petrol, peach pit and lemon flavors; lively acidity; balanced. (1.06% RS)
2003 Leonesse Cellars Temecula White Riesling	$14	Medium	Semidry	Bright, fruity nose of banana and apple that is a little candied; a slight kerosene note; good mouthfeel with flavors of sweet citrus, ripe peach and apricot jam. (2.0% RS)
2004 Paraiso Santa Lucia Highlands Riesling	$14	Medium	Dry-semidry	High-toned lemon meringue and peach aromas with flower notes; palate of tropical fruit, orange blossom and tart lemonade; somewhat simple; could use more acidity. (0.9% RS)
2003 Stony Hill Napa Valley White Riesling	$18	Medium	Dry-semidry	Nose of orange, mango, papaya, tart lime and green apple; lime rind, peach pit and straw on the palate with a touch of sweetness. (0.9% RS)
2004 Trefethen Oak Knoll District Dry Riesling	$18	Light-medium	Dry	Very good and a panel favorite. Subtle orange blossom, apricot, cherry and lemon aromas; flavors of herb, green apple skin, lemon and grapefruit rind; bright acidity. (0.76% RS)
2004 Turning Leaf Monterey County Riesling	$8	Light-medium	Semidry	Very good. A panel favorite, especially for the price. Lemon, fresh-cut grass and smoke; faintly pungent; lychee and ripe melon flavors with hint of fig; balanced; lively. (2.6% RS)

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