



Hainle Vineyards - 1978 Okanagan Riesling Icewine

North America's first Icewine



Well it is hard to get tasting notes for a wine this old, however we did open a bottle of this outstanding Icewine in 2011 during our Excise Tax audit. As we were sorting through our wine inventory we found a bottle of this 1978 Icewine in a 750ml bottle. It had been mislabeled with a 375ml label and was one of two 750ml bottled towards the end of the 1978 vintage bottling run. It was an OMG wine. Only the gods could have made wine this good. We tried this 1978 Icewine with several wine writers and sommeliers over the next few months. Yes we had the bottle open close to six months before it came to it's end. It was very similar in taste to a 1859 Madeira wine which we compared with this Icewine. This 1978 Icewine was very sweet with aromas of dry figs, honey, almonds, caramel and nutty characteristics. It had many layers of complexity just hard to imagine unless you tried this wine. It was one of the best wines we ever had period!!!

Harvest	November 08 1978
Avg.sugar	32.5
Bottling	June 1979
Cases	13
Alc/Vol	14.7 %
Residual sugar	75.0 g/l
Acid	9.1 g/l
Cellar Potential	+100 years