

**St. Julian Wine Co.****2005 ST. J Riesling  
(Lake Michigan Shore)**

St. Julian is Michigan's oldest and largest winery. Founded in 1921 by Mariano Meconi, it has had a few different names during its lifetime. With its last and most enduring, it pays homage to the patron saint of Meconi's village of Faleria in Lazio, Italy.

Michigan Rieslings are in demand, not only in their home state, but around North America. With the first sniff, recognizable petrol aromas announce the varietal, complemented by Granny Smith apple notes. A cool stainless steel fermentation allows pure Riesling characteristics to carry 12 percent alcohol and 1.5 percent residual sugar well.

With lively acidity, the wine comes across crisp and light, but not sweet. In fact, quite dry with complex peach, tangerine, lemon and mineral qualities. These fruit-laden characteristics make it an excellent aperitif pour when served with a variety of skewered fresh fruit and soft cheeses. Grill pineapple as a side dish with roast chicken and experience this Riesling come to life on the palate with intriguing lushness -- a blessing from a patron saint, perhaps!

Reviewed July 16, 2007 by [Eleanor & Ray Heald](#).

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**THE WINE**

**Winery:** [St. Julian Wine Co.](#)

**Vintage:** 2005

**Wine:** ST. J Riesling

**Appellation:** [Lake Michigan Shore](#)

**Grape:** Riesling

**Price:** \$9.99

**THE REVIEWER****Eleanor & Ray Heald**

The Healds have been writing about wine since 1978 and have focused on appellation significance in many of their world beat writings. They value recognizing site personality (*terroir*) within an appellation's wines. They praise balance and elegance in wines styled to pair well with food and eschew over-extraction, high alcohol and heavy-handed oak. "Delicious" is their favorite descriptor for a great, well-made wine.