

Wine profile

2015 RAUENTHAL NONNENBERG RIESLING

Region

With its some 3000 Hectares, Rheingau is one of the smallest wine growing regions in Germany. South facing steep slopes are protected from the cold northerly winds by the Taunus Mountains, giving ideal ripening conditions.

Vintage

Looking at the weather, the Vintage 2015 was extreme. A too warm winter was followed by an average spring and when summer arrived it was marked by extreme high temperatures and little rainfall. A rainy September made vignerons uneasy so close to harvest but when it arrived, the weather had settled and the grapes could be brought home with a good to excellent quality.

Grape variety

The noblest grape variety in Germany, also acknowledged as one of the greatest varieties in the world ripens late and gives wines which are clean, have a crisp acidity, floral bouquet yet are powerful.

Soils

Named after the nuns of the Abbey Tiefenthal, the Nonnenberg soil benefits from a combination of stony phyllite and loess and loam; giving wines with full body and racy acidity which are capable of long ageing.

Wine estate

Implementing a strict quality philosophy Bernhard Breuer turned the family-owned wine estate with its 34 hectares into a leading estate in the Rheingau. Today it is managed by his daughter Theresa Breuer and production manager of many years, Hermann Schmoranz, with the assistance of cellar master Markus Lundén.

Wine description

Youthful bright colour with fine aromas of tropical fruit and a spicy touch of minerality. On the palate dry, round body balanced by fresh acidity and characters of passion fruit and oranges restrained by its pure youth. Needs time to develop.

Food pairing

Serve cool accompanied by bouillabaisse with aioli or white asparagus cream soup with crostinis and fresh herbs. Drink through to 2021.

Alcohol 12% · Residual sugar 6,4g/l · Total acidity 8,2g/l

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