

# Wine profile 2017 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

2017 was a vintage full of challenges. It started with a short cold winter. Early bud break was caused by spring-like temperatures from mid-February to mid-April. Our vineyards luckily spared the frost at the end of April. In the middle of May warm weather encouraged the growth of vegetation. The vineyards of Rüdesheim escaped the harsh winds and hail in August while the Rauenthal vineyards suffered damage. We overcame some obstacles in September such as increased rainfall which lead to mould development due to bursting grapes, and high wasp activity. Overall these conditions lead to an early harvest starting in the beginning of September and ending on the 7th of October after a strict selection.

## 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.

#### Terroir

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, his daughter Theresa Breuer runs the estate supported by vineyard manager Hermann Schmoranz and cellar master Markus Lundén.

# Wine description

An impressively powerful Riesling, while being sparing mineral. Aromas full of lemon, lime and passion fruit combined with fine acidity. The yield amounts are around 15 hl/ha.

Alcohol 12% · Residual sugar 5,4g/l · Total acidity 9,4g/l

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