

# Wine profile 2014 RÜDESHEIM "ESTATE" RIESLING

## Region

With its some 3000 Hectars, 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

Vintage 2014 was again marked by extremes. After a mild winter and spring followed one of the earliest buddings ever recorded. Thankfully May was cooler which delayed flowering.

Summer was very dry with water deficits which were filled up more than enough in late summer.

Warm temperatures in September raised sugar levels and balanced out the acidity of the grapes which allowed for harvest begin in mid-September and ended with meticulous selection on October 10th.

# 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

The grapes for this village-Riesling are sourced from various vineyard sites in Rüdesheim dominated by quartzite, slate soils and loamy gravel.

## 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

Bright yellow, green reflexes, delicate aromas of apricot and white peach, vivid lush fruit aromas framed by mineral hints. (Low yields of 45 hl/hectare).

## Food pairing

Ideal drinking temperature: 9°C; this wine pairs well with graved salmon, grilled samlet, grilled sole and fresh cheeses. Drink now through to 2017.

Alcohol 11,5% · Residual sugar 6g/l · Total acidity 9g/l

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