

Wine profile 2017 "TERRA MONTOSA" RIESLING

Wine growing area

The Rheingau covers approximately 3.000 hectares of vineyards and is one of the smallest wine growing regions in Germany. The southerly exposed vineyard sites protected by the Taunus mountain range are a reliable source of one of the finest Riesling wines of the country.

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

In terms of elegance and finesse Riesling is the country's premier grape. The vineyards along the Rhine provide for ideal growing conditions. With its distinctive aromatic profile, delicate structure and tangy acidity Riesling produces not only the finest German wines, it earns world-wide recognition as well.

Soils

The grapes for this wine are sourced from the second-best parcels of the Cru-classified vineyard sites in Rüdesheim and Rauenthal. Here deep phyllite, clay and quartzite slate soils prevail.

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

Bright pale yellow, enticing aromas of yellow fruits, lush savoury fruit aromas, loads of fruit; elegant play of fruit and acidity framed by mineral hints; lots of finesse and well-balanced; good ageing potential.

The Latin name "Montosa" hints at the mountainous earth of the steep vineyard sites.

Alcohol 11,5% · Residual sugar 7,0g/l · Total acidity 9,0g/l

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