

Wine profile

2012 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

After the mild and moist December and January months, February brought record minus degrees with plenty of frost. March was overly warm and very dry, fortunately the weather in April balanced out resulting in a normal bud break at the end of April. Flowering was influenced in June through cool temperatures at night; however ripening began as on average middle of August. The grapes were in fantastic health till the end of October, so the harvest could be completed without complication.

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 2020.

Alcohol 12% · Residual sugar 10,9 g/l · Total acidity 8,6 g/l

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