

Wine profile

2015 RAUENTHAL "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

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

The village of Rauenthal benefits from a soil composition of phyllite, loess and loam which give wines with racy acidity and well textured body.

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

Brilliant light yellow with a green tinge, seductive aromas of fresh lime zest and tropical fruit. Dry, crisp acidity with an elegant fruit character on the palate and tangy mineral finish.

Food pairing

Serve chilled with cream soup or small sea food tapas. Drink now through to 2018.

Alcohol 11,5% · Residual sugar 8,2g/l · Total acidity 8,9g/l

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