

Wine profile 2012 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

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

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 2015.

Alcohol 11,5% · Residual sugar 7,8g/l · Total acidity 8,5g/l

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