2018 AULERDE RIESLING TROCKEN GROSSES GEWÄCHS

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VDP.GROSSE LAGE® is the designation for the highest quality vineyards in Rheinhessen, sites that are precisely delineated by parcel. Here the finest wines are grown, with expressive vineyard character and special potential for cellaring.

THE SITE

Our forebears recognised centuries ago that this south-facing hillside, sloping down toward the village, is a particularly favoured site for winegrowing. AULERDE was first mentioned by name in records as early as 1380. This is our warmest site, where the grapes ripen early.

THE SOIL

The core of the AULERDE, where our Riesling vines are growing, is composed of heavy clayish marl with minor portions of loess-loam and limestone, while the subsoil consists of yellow and gravelly, sandy clay. Our vines in this site are nearly seventy years old, and planted to great density.

DESCRIPTION

"A wafting dream of pitch-perfect aromas, abuzz with harmonious fruit and minerality; a sublime perfume and yet also a nigh-explosive aromatic cloud that radiates out without limit. The 2018's palate opens with fantastic raciness and distinctive cool charisma, despite the fact that this is one of the estate's warmest GG sites. It arrives with a sleek, dreamy body, refreshing and enticing the senses with power and concentration wrapped in a playful nimbleness. While I heralded last year to be the best Aulerde of all time, I must contradict myself. 2018 is all that.... and more, especially in terms of finesse." (Max Gerstl, our Swiss wine importer)

PRESS REVIEWS

James Suckling – **96 Points**
Jancis Robinson – **17,5 Points**
Meiningers Sommelier 2019– **94 Points**
Gault Millau Weinguide Deutschland 2020– **94 Points**

ANALYSIS

ALCOHOL: 13,0%

GRAPE VARIETY: Riesling