

## **TASTING NOTES**

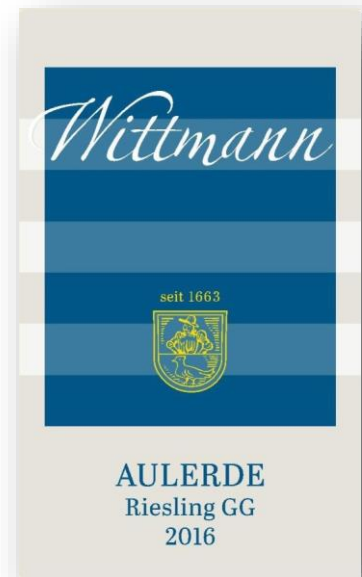
2016 AULERDE Riesling trocken  
Grosses Gewächs (Grand Cru)

### **Analysis:**

Alc.: 12,5 %vol.

### **Grape Variety:**

Riesling



### **VDP.GROSSE LAGEN®:**

The best dry Riesling wines from our top vineyard sites.

The enormous potential of our Westhofen sites Aulerde, Kirchspiel and Morstein is distinctively and impressively expressed in our best dry wines.

### **The site:**

The individual site AULERDE in Westhofen was first documented in 1380. It ascends from the Upper Rhine plain at nearly a ten percent slope. Lying at the foot of the protective slopes of the Kirchspiel site, it is our warmest site. Grapes ripen quite early here.

### **The soil:**

The upper layers of the heart of Aulerde are heavy clayish marl with small limestones. The subsoil is made up of yellow and gravelly argillaceous sand (only here do we grow our Riesling vines). The majority of the site, though, consists of meter-high layers of loess.

### **Vinification:**

Intensive vineyard maintenance throughout the year, low yields and an uncompromising selection of bunches – by hand – lay the foundation for wines of high quality.

In the cellar, the grapes and must are handled very gently. For the most part, the wines ferment in traditional oak cases.

### **Description:**

"The bouquet is subtle, built upon a thousand sublime shades. Its heart is molded around minerality, with a vein of elegant citrus fruits and a slight tropical character. And yet its distinctive coolness is perhaps the most unforgettable and enticing element of its aromas. What a gloriously nuanced wine! Racy and sweet in ideal proportions; a wine of beauty, tremendous delicacy, unbelievable concentration and an extremely long finish. Indescribably agreeable in nature." (Max Gerstl, our Swiss importer)