

TASTING NOTES

2016 KIRCHSPIEL 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 Kirchspiel site opens toward the Rhine like an amphitheater. Its southern and southeastern exposure protects the vineyards from cold westerly winds – and accounts for the excellent microclimate of the vineyard.

The soil:

The soil structure is similar to that of the Morstein site. It is marked by clayish marl interspersed with limestone, as well as loam with weathered limestone, which lend our Rieslings labeled with the appellation KIRCHSPIEL their unmistakable character and depth.

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, old oak casks.

Description:

"Harvested in the dying days of October. Intense notes of white and yellow fruit, with a tropical touch – a spectrum of beautiful aromas. Extreme filigreed flavors that caress the tongue with the gentlest of touches, yet underneath all that tenderness lies an unflinching backbone of indivisible elegance and power. A fusillade of fireworks on the palate, with a tense, electric structure and the quintessential acidity necessary to carry the aromas from start to finish. The wine maintains a playful, elegant and dancing soul, radiating joy and verve, a one-of-a-kind experience in the nose and mouth, a minor masterpiece of all things Riesling." (Max Gerstl, our Swiss importer)

