

TASTING NOTES

2016 MORSTEIN 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:

Morstein is situated on the south-facing slope that stretches from Gundersheim to Westhofen. The slope ascends from the glacial valley of the Rhine to the rim of a high plateau, reaching a height of 280 meters (ca. 920 ft.) above sea level at an inclination of 20 percent. The vines for our MORSTEIN Rieslings lie in a choice, five-hectare (ca. 12.3-acre) parcel of the site.

The soil:

The upper layer of soil is primarily heavy clayish marl interspersed with deposits of limestone. The water-conducting layers of limestone that predominate in the subsoil, ensure that the vines are well supplied with nutrients and minerals.

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:

“Fine yellow and white fruits, a delicate floral firework, elderberry blossoms of almost inconceivable beauty, sophisticated herbs and even a touch of mint; an aromatic bundle of marvelous elegance. The tastebuds serve as the stage for a dance of shimmering beauty; a wine of intense yet charming aromatics, approachable but never loud. Elegantly refined, one can only stand in wonder and tip one’s hat to the bewitching efforts of winemaker and nature itself as they saw this wine through from concept to execution. The central point, one of understated enormousness, is the wondrous and creamy acidity — oh so attractively racy — that marks the overall ‘16 vintage. The approachability and humble directness belies a wine of awe-inspiring beauty and wonder.” (Max Gerstl, our Swiss importer)

