



2017 AULERDE RIESLING TROCKEN GROSSES GEWÄCHS

VDP.GROSSE LAGE – 17116

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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

“Yellow fruit in the nose, with a steady, engaging terroir character; pleasant dried spice, and dry, floral accents. The rich style extends to the palate, where the wine’s character reflects its somewhat warmer vineyard. The acidity provides a racy tension and momentum, and embodies the nature of this Aulerde — which is a far more playful vintage than ever before.”

(Max Gerstl, our Swiss importer)

PRESS REVIEWS

James Suckling - **95 Points**: “Lavish yellow fruit, including some almost overripe pineapple. This just avoids tipping into opulence; there’s healthy acidity and that lifts this monster dry riesling at the bold, herbal finish. From almost 70 year old vines. Drink or hold.”

Wine Spectator - **93 Points**: “Lemon cream flavors and hints of clove and cardamom mark this well-knit dry Riesling, which combines power and elegance. Shows plenty of structure to balance the expressive palate, with a disarming clarity that belies the concentration. Best from 2020 through 2031.”

Gault Millau - **95 Points**

ANALYSIS

ALCOHOL: 13,0%	GRAPE VARIETY: Riesling
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