



2017 KIRCHSPIEL RIESLING TROCKEN GROSSES GEWÄCHS

VDP.GROSSE LAGE – 17117

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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

The Kirchspiel opens up like an amphitheatre toward the Rhine, and receives the sun's first rays in the morning. Here the vineyards, with their east to southeast exposure, are sheltered from the cold west winds; this provides the Kirchspiel with a choice microclimate. Our vineyards here are planted mainly in the upper portion of the site, with a gradient of up to thirty per cent.

THE SOIL

Primarily clay marl with limestone deposits as well as loam composed of weathered limestone –this gives the Kirchspiel its unmistakable, spicy and elegant character.

DESCRIPTION

“The concentrated power of this wine is almost palpable in its depth, richness and intensity. Its firm structure comfortably conveys a palate of sophisticated silken fruits. Here once again an enticing interplay of strength and elegance plays out as a distinctive whole. The spicy aromas, a gift from the one-of-a-kind terroir, reveal themselves slowly, bringing the Kirchspiel to an almost epic finish.” (Max Gerstl, our Swiss importer)

PRESS REVIEWS

James Suckling - **96 Points**: “Very complex, herbal nose, the fruity notes way in the background. Really concentrated but also super-elegant with a fine-grained texture that’s unlike any other Wittmann GG. Exceptionally long finish with intense chalky character. Great aging potential.”

Wine Spectator - **95 Points**: “Starts off racy and elegant before unraveling, with a richly spiced frame and a core of fruity flavors of red peach, Meyer lemon and persimmon. A very seductive and refined version, offering a bit of creaminess offset by crystalline acidity. The powerful finish is full of ripe, spiced flavors and intense creamy notes. Best from 2021 through 2034.”

Gault Millau - **94 Points**

Eichelmann - **93 Points**

ANALYSIS

ALCOHOL: 13,0%

GRAPE VARIETY: Riesling

