

Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese 2014




Producer

The famous wine estate Joh. Jos. Prüm was founded in 1911 in Wehlen, on the Mosel. It is one of the most unique white wine producers in Germany.

Vintage report

After a very mild winter, budbreak started early, in mid of April. Flowering was early, at the beginning of June, and the continued hot weather caused the grapes to grow very fast. They started picking in early October, but unfortunately the harvest had to be interrupted repeatedly by rain and there had to be extra care into the selection of the grapes. Unlike 2013, which was almost exclusively an Auslese and Goldcap Auslese year, 2014 is a return to a classic vintage. They harvested mostly Kabinett and Spätlese, but also some fine Auslese, while only a few botrytised berries could be selected for higher concentration levels.

Characteristics

-  clear and smoky nose with citrus and grapefruit flavors
-  phenolic structure, sweet and piquant on the palate, salty in the finish
-  Asian and spicy cuisine

Facts

- Grape Variety Riesling
- Terroir Graacher Himmelreich ("Kingdom of heaven in the village of Grach) faced more westwards, little less steep and deeper soils than Wehlener Sonnenuhr, weather-beaten grey slate soil with good water reservoirs
- Appellation Mosel
- Vinifikation Grapes picked by hand, predominantly single pale, fermentation in stainless steel tanks with wild yeast.

Alcohol	Residual Sugar	Acidity
7 %vol	98.6 g/l	10.2 g/l

Award

- 93 points Robert Parker
- 92 points Wine Enthusiast

