

Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese 2011




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 cold winter, April brought summer-like conditions causing a fast development of the vines. Flowering was finished by late May, three to four weeks earlier than average. The remarkable note of 2011 was the hailstorm that hit the Middle Mosel on August 26. Luckily the Prüm vineyards were only slightly affected and perfect weather after the storm minimized the losses. September and October were overall sunny and golden. The main harvest lasted from October 5th to November 8th. The quality was great in 2011 and thankfully the quantity was also good.

Characteristics

-  passion fruit, apple compote, key lime pie flavors
-  zesty acidity and notes of chive and green herbs, candied mango and lively peach aromas
-  Asian cuisine or as a dessert wine

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
7.5 %vol

Award

95 points The Fine Wine Review
 94 points Wine Spectator
 92 points Wine Enthusiast
 92 points Joel B. Payne
 91 points Robert Parker
 90 points Wine & Spirits

