

Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese 2009




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

A remarkably cold winter with strong frosts in January down to minus 18° C led to a rather late awakening of nature. High temperatures in April caused the budbreak. Summer was shaped by a mixture of sunny and dry days with a little rain. October brought excellent temperatures for harvest, which started on October 15th and finished on November 13th. The grapes harvested were predominantly of good Spätlese and Auslese quality, but there will also be a smaller amount of Kabinett produced. Additionally, some grapes were affected by botrytis to produce Goldcap, BA and even TBA. In the week before Christmas, vintage 2009 was crowned with the possibility to harvest Eiswein.

Characteristics

-  fruit and flower aromas
-  candied cherry, vanilla, white raisin aromas, textural richness
-  spicy cuisine, as well as an aperitif

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
8 %vol

Award

- 95 points Wine Spectator
- 92 points Wine & Spirits
- 92 points Robert Parker
- 92 points Joel B. Payne

