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Liebfrauentift-Kirchenstück Riesling

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Producer

The famous single vineyard site Liebfrauentift-Kirchenstück is located in the centre of Worms and forms the heartpiece of this estate. In 1872, Peter Joseph Valckenberg exported the Liebfraumlch wineline as the first one and made history.

Vintage report

A very early flowering thanks to the warmest April on record led to expectations of an early harvest. However the hot and dry, sunny summer served as an additional ripening accelerator. The settled weather conditions continued into harvest, allowing many grapes to stay on the vine right up to October and partly to November. The drought did present major challenges for growers in some locations and the steeper vineyards had to be partly irrigated. However, the Rheinhessen growers were overall pleasantly surprised with the performance of their vines. A growing season like 2018 is ideal especially for red wines because the grapes changed color very early and benefitted from the extended hang time. The 2018 white wines in Rheinhessen will be rich in aromas, varietally typical and fruity with moderate acidity levels.

Characteristics

-  ripe peach, fine citrus fruit
-  complex, mineral, long lasting finish
-  ideal for festive menu

Facts

Grape Variety	Riesling
Terroir	sandy loess- loam with redstone soil
Appellation	Rheinhessen
Vinifikation	selective picking, gentle pressing, partially fermented by spontaneous yeast

Alcohol	Residual Sugar	Acidity
12.5 %vol	2.7 g/l	5.4 g/l

Award

92 pts. Falstaff
92-94 pts. Robert Parker

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