

Würzburger Pfaffenberg Silvaner 1st Growth dry 2016




Producer

The Bürgerspital is one of Germany's largest wine growing estates with 300 acres. It is located in Würzburg, which is part of the Franken region. The estate is a founding member of the VDP association and offers vineyard sites like Würzburger Stein, Stein Harfe (=stone harp) or Würzburger Innere Leiste. They cultivate typical franconian grape varieties like Silvaner, Müller-Thurgau and Bacchus, as well as some classics like Riesling, Pinot Gris and Pinot Blanc.

Vintage report

After a wet summer, frosts and hail the work in the vineyards was very intensive and everyone expected a normal harvest to start at the end of September. At the end of August, the weather changed and Bürgerspital had the third warmest September ever recorded. The harvest started on the 15th of September. The quality was perfect, the juice full of aroma and the quantity was better than expected. The 2016 wines are showing off a ripe and rich flavor and less alcohol than the 2015. The red wines are superb. Generally, 2016 will be a pleasure to enjoy, with elegant fruit and good minerality.

Characteristics

-  mediterranean herbs
-  mellow acidity, aroma of pear
-  traditional cuisine like roast veal or trout

Facts

Grape Variety	Silvaner
Terroir	steep slope, shell limestone soil
Appellation	Franconia
Vinifikation	extended maceration period, aged in wooden barrels



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