



BIODYNAMIC APEX RIESLING
BÜRKLIN-WOLF
 MITTLEHAARDT • PFALZ



In the heart of the Pfalz's renowned Mittelhaardt, Dr. Bürklin-Wolf is Germany's largest privately held wine estate. The family has made wine since 1597 and now owns and meticulously tends more than 90 hectares (222 acres) of vines in some of Germany's most celebrated sites including Forster Jesuitgarten and Ungeheuer, Ruppertsberger Reiterpfad and Nußbien, Wachenheimer Rehbäcker and the Monopole of Gaisböhl.



For centuries this winemaking family has been recognized as viticultural and vinicultural pioneers. Owner Bettina Bürklin-von Guradze embraced this trailblazing heritage when her estate revitalization upended the very concept of natural Riesling in Germany. Deeply influenced by the writings of Nicolas Joly, Bettina converted entirely to biodynamic farming, gaining certified by Biodyvin in 2005 (the first of only two non-French wine estates ever elevated). She tore out all non-Riesling vines in 1994, dedicating the 400 year-old

estate to dry, terroir-true, vineyard-designated Riesling based on a Burgundian model of 4 qualitative tiers: 1) essential "estate" wines, 2) named "village" cuvées, 3) 1er crus (PC), and 4) grand crus (GC).

Here red slate soils bring unique inflection, and include various combinations of limestone, sandstone, basalt, and loam. Just over the border from Alsace, Pfalz is as far as you can get from Berlin while remaining in Germany. These Riesling are typically dry with a richness and full body reflecting the southern climate. Bettina's vision inspires none of the shock it prompted a generation ago during Germany's conservative 90's wine culture. Today, what was once considered a radical vision is rightly considered a most natural path for capturing unadulterated the unique identities of these sites.

ESTATE RIESLING QbA Stelvin

Parker's WA on the 2014: "The 2014 Riesling Trocken (Estate Riesling in the US) shows a ripe, pure and spicy bouquet with a stunningly deep character. Full-bodied, piquant and grippy on the palate, this is a serious Mittelhaardt Riesling with a long, fairly powerful and salty finish. This is shocking good Pfalz Riesling for a handful dollars. It has been sourced from Wachenheim and all the top vineyards (1ers and Grands Crus) and is made entirely from own grapes."

Riesling (Village) **DEIDESHEIMER QbA**

Lovely ripe peach and some flinty aromas; medium to full-bodied, very intense, concentrated and quite expressive in the piquant and juicy finish; pure and powerful, aromatic but not fat or big at all, sexy in its piquant and racy richness.

Riesling **WACHENHEIMER GAISBOHL PC QbA**

Remarkable value: declassified lots from the most prestigious PC sites. *Parker's WA on the 2014: "Full-bodied, round and elegant, with a delicate and ripe acidity, this is a very elegant, powerful and juicy wine. There is a lingering fruit intensity and power, but also stimulating purity and salinity from the sandstone soils. The wine reveals a lovely grip in the finish and displays mango flavors in the aftertaste."*

Riesling **RUPPERTSBERGER HOHEBURG PC QbA**

Parker's WA on the 2014: "Full-bodied and fresh on the palate, this is a powerful, fruit-intense, elegant wine with good tannin structure and fruit concentration... All the wines are worth seeking out... All the wines are lovely, precise, fresh and so expressive and at the same time."

Riesling **RUPPERTSBERGER GAISBOHL GC QbA**

Parker's WA on the 2014: "The 2014 Ruppertsberger Gaisbohl Riesling Trocken GC shows deep, intense and lemon-scented fruit with good ripeness, concentration and some spicy, stony flavors. Full-bodied, very intense and concentrated on the palate, this is juicy and aromatic, very elegant and finesse-full Riesling... The vineyard is very warm and gives very opulent wines, but in this case, this is not overdone but stunningly cool."

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