



100% Riesling from the finest, narrowly demarcated, classified top sites selectively hand-harvested with maximum yields of 50 hl/ha and at least Spätlese must weights; exclusively traditional viticulture incorporating rigorous examination at every stage from vineyard to bottle

EXCEPTIONAL GERMAN RIESLING

REICHSGRAF VON KESSELSTATT

MOSEL - SAAR - RUWER

In 1978, Günther Reh acquired Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt, a deeply traditional Mosel estate founded in 1349 and operated by one family for more than six centuries. Reh's daughter Annegret Reh-Gartner immediately embraced viticulture and has directed the estate since 1983 with great commitment and success. Her love of wine, deep devotion to the land, meticulous approach, and years of experience with consumers at home and abroad have contributed to the estate's international renown. Reh-Gartner reduced estate vines to about 90 acres to elevate viticultural commitment, and every member of her team has a profound sense of the great responsibility posed by each vineyards.



Annegret Reh-Gartner favors the traditionally mineral-rich, filigree character of Riesling grown in Germany's three great river valleys. No other growing region can achieve the poignant delicate fruit touches, elegance, and mineral identity that are the birthrights of these vineyards. Reh-Gartner is also a strong advocate of vineyard classification (VDP) that encourages superior vineyard management and approaches to individual parcel cultivation that favor exceptional bottlings. Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt is one of the region's first estates to successfully offer Grosse Gewächse (great growths).

SCHARZHOFBERGER Riesling Spatlese Saar

The Scharzhofberg vineyard is perhaps the Saar's most famous and climatically coolest site. Located in a side valley, the dramatically sloped vineyard boasts grades of 35-60° and a favorable southern aspect. Kesselstatt's 16.3 acres puts it among the dominant owners of this legendary location. Soils here consist of loess, as well as coarse gray and reddish slate (up to 70%), and the wines are distinctive for their penetrating, salty mineral tones and refined elegance. Even very mature wines continue to show remarkable vitality and astonishing breadth of ripe fruit.

"Fresh, pure and piquant, displaying lime aromas along with a dusky/stony flavor the elegant 2013 Riesling Spätlese Scharzhofberger is quite sweet and juicy on the palate, but also very piquant due to its high acidity of 10.3 grams." (WA)

JOSEPHSHÖFER Riesling Kabinett Mosel

Josephshofer was a monastery with 1100 years of documentation. Purchased in 1858 by the Counts of Kesselstatt, the estate boasts 10 vineyard acres of southern aspect with steeply pitched slopes. Soils are deep, gray, weathered Devonian slate with a high proportion of fine earth yielding full-bodied, spicy wines with distinctive peach aromas, traces of wild herbs, fine earthy components, and a great deal of elegance; excellent ageing potential. Label vignettes illustrate four adages: *Say what is true, Drink what is clear, Eat what is properly cooked, Love what is rare.*

"Very clear and subtle slate and floral aromas along with peach and orange flavors on the nose lead ... to a juicy and piquant, light-footed and lingering salty wine with a stimulating finish. This is surely one of the winner wines in the 2013 portfolio of the estate." (WA on the 2013)

JOSEPHSHÖFER Riesling Grosses Gewächs Mosel

The estate's profound, almost Burgundian Grosses Gewächls: *as full-bodied and powerful as it is voluptuous, even opulent; pronounced nose of peach, apricot, orange peel, and flint, with a hint of poppy seed and then blood orange, mandarin, and spicy minerals; a revelation on the expressive, self-assuredly complex, and ultimately delighted palate.*

PIESPORTER GOLDTRÖPFCHEN Riesling Auslese #5 Mosel

"Clear and very ripe tropical fruit aromas intermix with slightly flinty flavors which lend the 2013 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Auslese #5 a great noblesse and purity already on the nose. Highly elegant and rather lean on the palate this sweet and nobly textured Auslese has a great finesse as well as a piquant concentration. The finish is salty and pure but this is a rich and noble Auslese which can be aged for three or four or even more decades." (WA)

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