

Robert Weil Kabinett Riesling Rheingau Germany 2023

Selected by: MTW Tasting Panel



Final Deductions

VINTAGE 2023
GRAPE Riesling
GEOGRAPHY Europe
COUNTRY Germany
LARGER REGION Rheingau

Rationale

German Riesling often scares people after they take one look at the wine label, but it is actually among the easiest of all wine categories to understand—once you get the hang of them.

The basics are always shared logically:

1. Germany's thirteen wine regions are divided into forty districts called 'bereiche.'
2. Each bereiche is divided into 163 collections of vineyards, each called a 'grosslage.'
3. Every grosslage, in turn, is made up of individual vineyard sites, each called an 'einzellage.'

Lastly, the style of the wine is based on ripeness at harvest and is overlaid from driest to sweetest. Here, we have a 'Trocken,' which is vinified dry.

Weingut Robert Weil, one of the region's younger estates, is located in the heart of Kiedrich, a village first documented in 950. Wilhelm Weil, the great-grandson of the estate's founder, carries on the tradition of uncompromising, quality-oriented practices in the vineyards and cellars. This bottling is sourced from parcels that neighbor the estate's classified single-vineyard sites but also includes pre-selection fruit from the top sites, which gives the wine an extra dimension of fruit and mineral intensity. The wine is a timeless Rheingau Riesling, with stone fruit notes of peach and apricot and high-spirited shrill acidity.

Sight

BRIGHTNESS Star Bright
CLARITY Clear
COLOR DEPTH Light
COLOR Water White
HIGHLIGHTS Silver
BUBBLES Yes

Structure

RESIDUAL SUGAR Off-Dry
ACID High
ALCOHOL Low
PHENOLS Low
TEXTURE Lean / Tart
FINISH Long
COMPLEXITY High

Aroma & Taste

CITRUS FRUIT Meyer Lemon • Lemon • Lime *Condition: Under Ripe / Tart, Fresh, Ripe*
Part: Pith, Flesh, Peel / Zest

TREE/VINE FRUIT Pear (Yellow/Brown) • Apple (Green) • Pear (Asian)
Condition: Fresh, Under Ripe / Tart, Ripe

STONE FRUIT Nectarine (Yellow) *Condition: Under Ripe / Tart, Fresh, Ripe*

TROPICAL FRUIT Pineapple • Melon (Green) *Condition: Under Ripe / Tart, Fresh, Ripe*

FLORAL Jasmine • Honeysuckle • Lemon / Lime Blossom *Condition: Fresh*

OTHER VEGETABLE Ginger / Root • Fennel / Anise

HERBAL Verbena • Chamomile • Lemon Grass

OTHER SPICES Juniper Berry

INORGANIC EARTH Mineral / Rock • Flint / Slate • Petrol / TDN

OAK AGING No

CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS Sulfur / Reduction