

*Wine notes*

## **BURGBERG** Riesling Großes Gewächs

*Estate Bottled*



Schlossgut Diel began acquiring parcels on the Dorsheimer Burgberg in the mid-1990s. The 2 hectares it currently holds represent over half of this steep vineyard and its one-of-a-kind microclimate. It is shaped like a basin and ringed by cliffs, a bit like an amphitheater. The iron-rich clay and quartzite soils lend Burgberg wines their unmistakably mineral character, with elegant aromas reminiscent of the rare wild herbs that thrive on the rocky face of the neighboring Eierfels Mountain.

Burgberg has long been considered one of the finest vineyards anywhere in the Nahe region, an opinion confirmed by its highest-possible classification in the official Prussian vineyard survey of 1901. Drawing on the Grand Cru model, the VDP-Nahe has classified the Burgberg as a "Große Lage." The 'VDP Großes Gewächs' label is reserved for dry premium wines from Große Lage sites.

### **Harvest**

Manual, multi-pass harvest of meticulously selected grapes from our estate's vineyards.

### **Vinification**

Gentle pressing followed by spontaneous fermentation with natural yeast. Matured for several months in traditional wood barrels sourced from local oak.

### **Pairing Suggestions**

This stately Riesling pairs splendidly with freshwater fish and seafood, light poultry and veal. Always a pleasure to enjoy on its own as well.

### **Optimal Drinking Window**

Four to twelve years after harvest.

### **Tasting Note 2016**

Nuances of Mirabelle plum and apricot, a touch of incense; concentrated fruit, delicate minerality an elegant body and spicy finish.

*This Großes Gewächs was bottled on 29 Mai 2018*



### **2016 Vintage**

After a moderate, but rather dry winter, spring came with warm temperatures and lots of moisture. Because of this, there was an early sprouting on the vines. This unusual climate continued into the summer months. From the beginning of August until the beginning of harvest there were weeks with great sunshine and little rain which was perfect for the late summer months. Wine makers were very happy for this "Indian Summer." Those ideal weather conditions allowed for the harvest of perfectly ripened grapes, bringing incredible freshness.