

Wine Notes

PITTERMÄNNCHEN Grosse Lage Auslese

Estate Bottled



At just one hectare (2.5 acres), Dorsheimer Pittermännchen is the smallest member in the exclusive club of sites held by Schlossgut Diel. The unusual name of this steep, south-facing site derives from the small silver 'Petermännchen' coin that circulated in the 16th century. Significant slate content in the soil lends its wines their fine purity and refreshing minerality. The wines reveal delicate herbal notes with an elegant body and exceptionally long finish.

The Pittermännchen has long been considered one of the finest vineyards anywhere in the Nahe region, an opinion confirmed with a highest-possible classification in the official Prussian vineyard survey of 1901. Drawing on the Grand Cru model, the VDP-Nahe has classified the Burg Layer Schlossberg as a "Große Lage." The "Auslese" classification is reserved for premium noble sweet 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 wild yeast and aging in stainless steel tanks.

Food Pairing

Splendid when paired with duck and goose foie gras, apple desserts and pear cake.

Optimal Drinking Window

Six to twenty years after harvest.

2016 Tasting Notes

Elegant aromas of black currant, delicate slate and hints of tropical fruits such as mango and papaya; deeply complex, refined fruit flavors, brilliant exchange of sweetness and acidity ahead of a long, lingering finish.



2016 Vintage

The dry, mild winter was followed by a wet and warm spring, setting the stage for an early bud break. This pattern held well into the summer months. Late summer saw the return of warm and dry conditions, with weeks of sunshine stretching from early August through the beginning of harvest. This ideal "Indian Summer" was a true winemaker's delight, allowing the grapes to ripen optimally, with incredible freshness, before a picture-perfect harvest.

Despite its small yields, 2016 will be remembered as a very high-quality vintage.