

Wine Notes

Schlossberg Erste Lage Riesling Kabinett

Estate Bottled



With just over one hectare (2.5 acres) in its holdings, Schlossgut Diel is one of the largest proprietors of this splendid, steep, south-facing vineyard in the village of Burg Layen. The weathered slate dates from the Devonian Period, with a thin layer of loam and gravel covering the bedrock. Wines from this site consistently reflect the fine marriage of sun and soil in their charming yellow fruit, reminiscent of apricot and peach, delicate spice and lingering flinty, fruit-accented finish.

The Schlossberg has long been considered one of the finest vineyards anywhere in the Nahe region, an opinion confirmed by its high-level classification in the official Prussian vineyard survey of 1901. Drawing on the Premier Cru model, the VDP-Nahe has classified the Burg Layer Schlossberg as an "Erste Lage." The "Kabinett" classification here stands for premium off-dry wines from Erste Lage sites.

Harvest

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

Vinification

Gentle pressing, followed by spontaneous fermentation and extended maturation in stainless steel tanks.

Pairing Suggestions

Excellent complement to a wide range of Asian fare, shellfish with a classic cocktail sauce and a semi-sweet "Tarte tatin." If opened now, splendid as a refreshing aperitif as well.

Optimal Drinking Window

Three to ten years after harvest.

2016 Tasting Notes

Elegant spicy aromas brimming with apricots and Cox apple, as well as a touch of peach and pink grapefruit; the subtle fruitiness works in perfect harmony with a refined, racy acidity; brilliant finish. The wine contains a mere 8.5% alcohol.



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.