

Wine Notes

GOLDLOCH Große Lage Riesling Kabinett

Estate Bottled



With over five hectares (12.5 acres), Schlossgut Diel is by far the largest proprietor of this splendid, steep, south-facing vineyard where gold is rumored to have been mined in the 17th century. The stony soils date from the Permian Period and consist of bedrock covered with a thin layer of loam and gravel. These wines reveal delicate yellow fruit aromas, reminiscent of apricots and peaches with hints of flint wrapped in an elegant body. The overall effect and sophisticated finish are both classically Goldloch.

The Goldloch 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 Dorsheimer Goldloch as a "Große Lage." The "Kabinett" classification is reserved for premium off-dry 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 and extended aging in traditional wood barrels sourced from local oak and stainless steel tanks.

Pairing Suggestions

Excellent complement to a wide range of Asian fare, shellfish with a classic cocktail sauce or a semi-sweet "Tarte tatin." Splendid as a refreshing aperitif as well.

Optimal Drinking Window

Three to ten years after harvest.

2017 Tasting Notes

Pure and clarion in the nose, with loads of apricots and Cox orange-apple and the suggestion of peach;; a beautiful and refreshing balance of elegant fruitiness and lively acidity easing into a long, lingering finish.



2017 Vintage

A mild and rather dry winter was followed by a very warm March with tendencies of early summer temperatures, providing an early bud break of the vines in the first week of April. During the night of April 19-20, the temperatures at the lower Nahe dropped to -5 degrees C, destroying the majority of the early shoots. Regardless of this harsh setback, the vegetation recovered and progressed rapidly. Due to the dry, and warm summer weather berry growth accelerated. The end of July had long awaited rain and light hailstorms creating humidity during the month of August. Autumn weather provided fully ripe and healthy grapes. 2017 brought an abundance of first-class wines, but a lower yield than previous years.