

Wine Notes

GOLDLOCH Große Lage Riesling Spätlese

Estate Bottled



With over five hectares (12.5 acres), Schlossgut Diel is by far the largest proprietor of this splendid, steep, south-facing Dorsheim 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 a deliciously juicy body. The overall effect and elegant 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 "Spätlese" classification is reserved for premium fruity 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

Splendid complement to shellfish with a classic cocktail sauce and spicy Asian fare. Mature bottles (10+ years) also make for a delicious aperitif.

Optimal Drinking Window

Four to fifteen years after harvest.

2017 Tasting Notes

Fascinating nose of peach and apricot with a cocktail of mango or papaya; elegant acidity; long, juicy finish and perfect balance.

We bottled on 6 March 2018 at the Burg Layen Schlossgut, totaling 1,750 standard bottles.



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.