

Wine Notes

GOLDLOCH Riesling Großes Gewächs

Estate Bottled



Schlossgut Diel

With over five hectares (12.5 acres) in its holdings, 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 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 Goldloch 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 and extended lees aging in traditional wood barrels sourced from local oak.

Pairing Suggestions

This elegant Riesling pairs well with a diverse range of fare from freshwater fish and seafood to poultry and veal. Also a pleasure to enjoy on its own.

Optimal Drinking Window

Four to twelve years after harvest.

2017 Tasting Notes

Delicate shades of golden yellow; a certain flintiness with a touch of apricot and peach in the bouquet reminds; typical Goldloch fruit flavors with refined spice and stunning momentum; generous finish.

This Großes Gewächs was bottled on 12 Juli 2018 at the Burg Layen Schlossgut, totaling 3,905 standard bottles, 90 Magnums and 12 Double Magnums.



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.