

Wine Notes

PITTERMÄNNCHEN Riesling Großes Gewächs

Estate Bottled



At just one hectare (2.5 acres), this is the smallest member in the exclusive club of world-class 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 the wine its fine purity and refreshing minerality. The wine reveals 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 '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 stately Riesling pairs splendidly with freshwater fish and seafood, light poultry and veal. Always beautiful on its own as well.

Optimal Drinking Window

Four to twelve years after harvest.

2017 Tasting Notes

Delicate shades of yellow; ripe apricot and black currant aromas with an elegant slate minerality; brilliant fruit with flint nuances and a memorable, lingering finish.

This Großes Gewächs was bottled on 12 Juli 2018 at the Burg Layen Schlossgut, totaling 1,789 standard bottles, 60 Magnums and 6 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.