

Wine Notes

PITTERMÄNNCHEN Große Lage Spätlese

Estate Bottled



At just one hectare (2.5 acres), Dorsheimer Pittermännchen 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 its wines their fine purity and refreshing minerality. The wines reveal delicate herbal notes with an elegant body and exceptionally long finish.

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 "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 with wild yeast and aging in stainless steel tanks.

Pairing Suggestions

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

Optimal Drinking Window

Four to fifteen years after harvest.

2017 Tasting Notes

Notes of black currant and apricot; Spicy slate touch with a complex fruity richness; the brilliant exchange of sweetness and acidity leads into a seemingly endless 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.