



Burklin-Wolf

(Bio-Dynamic)

www.buerklin-wolf.de Pfalz (Germany)

Superbly textured dry Rieslings classified according to vineyard site.



The Bürklin-Wolf estate is based in the Mittelhaardt, the quality core of Germany's world-renowned Pfalz, located about one hour drive to the north-east of Alsace. Since the 2001 vintage Bürklin-Wolf have classified their wines according to the vineyard site (similar to Burgundy) rather than sugar weight (as the 1971 German wine laws dictate). After exhaustive research they discovered that today's top vineyards are exactly the same as those identified in the 1828 Bavarian Land Taxation Laws. This was a time when these vineyards produced some of the most expensive and highly regarded wines in the world. Aptly, the Pfalz Mittelhaardt is the topographical and geological extension of France's Côte d'Or and Alsace. The Mittelhaardt's best sites are similarly located within a very narrow, sheltered east-facing strip of land. Bürklin-Wolf wines are labelled G.C. for the top quality tier of wines and P.C. for the second tier. G.C. wines are produced from yields of less than 45 hl/ha and minimum 12.5% alcohol from vineyards rated first in the villages of Ruppertsberg, Forst and Deidesheim according to the 1828 land tax laws. P.C. wines are produced from yields of less than 55 hl/ha and minimum alcohol of 11.5% from vineyards rated second in Ruppertsberg and first in Wachenheim. Grapes are harvested with Spatlese and Auslese levels of ripeness but are fermented to dryness. Since 1998 medium sweet wines are no longer produced by this estate.

"This estate has consistently produced some of the finest dry rieslings of any given vintage from an incredible arsenal of excellent vineyards. One of the first estates in Germany to embrace biodynamic viticulture, Burklin-Wolf is now able give each wine its own voice, and in 2007 they all sang in perfect tune. There are few estates in the world that could match this performance-and then throw in excellent TBAs for good measure." Steve Tanzer Jan/Feb '09

Dry White Wines

2009 Riesling 'Troocken'

Pristine citric and stone-fruit aromas with a touch of mineral on the nose, ample body and texture with fresh acidity in the mouth, a crisp middle and long dry finish, with a hint of spice. The perfect introduction to dry Pfalz Riesling.

2009 Riesling 'Wachenheimer'

Benefiting from de-classification of several of Burklin-Wolf's most prestigious sites, this is a classic Pfalz Riesling with depth of flavor, aromatic spice and a soft, voluptuous dry finish. Originates from de-classified P.C. vineyards.

2010 Riesling 'Altenburg' P.C.

This vineyard is located high on the slope with very little soil and excellent drainage giving a wine of real density with wonderful structure and finesse and great ageing capacity. Wonderful acidity giving a seemingly endless finish.

2007 Riesling 'Gaisbohl' G.C.

"Aromatic spices, tropical fruits and smoke on the nose. The almost sweet papaya flavor and juicy texture work well together. A salty, herbal note on the back extends the aftertaste. Still a bit closed. 93 points" Steve Tanzer's International Wine Cellar Jan/Feb 2009

