

“This estate in Wachenheim is one of the largest and most important private wine estates in Germany, offering some of the greatest and most persistent dry Rieslings on Planet Wine.” ‘The Finest Wines of Germany’ by Stephan Reinhardt



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 hours 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.



Dry White Wines

2016 Riesling ‘Trocken’

stelvin

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.

‘Fine peach-apricot fruit and remarkable depth for an estate riesling, this is the real McCoy! Long, complete finish. Drink now or hold. There are roughly 120,000 bottles of this. Screw cap closure.’ 92 points, Stuart Pigott, JamesSuckling.com, November 2017.

2016 Riesling ‘Wachenheimer’

stelvin

Benefiting from de-classification of several of Bürklin-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 G.C. + P.C. vineyards including young vines from GC Goldbachel.

‘Quite a cool and delicate wine for the Pfalz with fine floral notes and a long, lemony/chalky finish. From young vines, but considering that, it’s got excellent depth. Drink or hold. Screw cap closure.’ 91 points, Stuart Pigott, JamesSuckling.com, November 2017.

2016 Riesling ‘Altenburg’ P.C.

Village

Vineyard size

year planted

Wachenheim

0.40 ha

1991

This vineyard is located high on the slope in the village of Wachenheim above Gerumpel. The vineyard has very meagre and stony soil and excellent drainage giving a wine of real density with fine acidity giving structure and finesse and great ageing capacity. Wonderful acidity giving a seemingly endless finish.

2016 Riesling ‘Goldbachel’ P.C.

Wachenheim

1.59 ha

1991

2016 Riesling ‘Hoheburg’ P.C.

Ruppertsberg

4.68 ha

1975

2015 Riesling ‘Gaisbohl’ G.C.

Ruppertsberg

7.55 ha

1977

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“...this estate has essentially no rival in all of Germany. In fact, given their sheer vineyard potential--they're capable of producing seven grand crus and an equal number of premier crus in any given vintage--this may well be the best and most consistent producer of great dry Riesling in the world.” Vinous Media



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“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.” Steve Tanzer

Dry White Wines

All very limited (i.e. less than 5 dozen available)

2015 Riesling ‘Gaisbohl’ G.C.

‘Rich and mellow, but also deep and mysterious, this is complex and refined with a very long, intense mineral finish. Drink or hold. 95’ Stuart Pigott, JamesSuckling.com, November 2017.

2014 Riesling ‘Altenburg’ P.C.

‘... shows a great intensity but also coolish purity on the nose; lemon flavors intermix with chalky sandstone flavors ... enormously piquant and straight, revealing a stimulating salinity that ... rejuvenates the power and complexity of this wine, which needs another five years to open up. It should still be fascinating in 20 years. There is so much power and finesse here, so much stimulating salinity – this is simply great Riesling. Drink 2019-2035.’ 94 points, Stephan Reinhardt, RobertParker.com, December 2015.

2014 Riesling ‘Gerumpel’ P.C.

Located right beside the fabulous GC Pechstein vineyard, in fact part of Gerumpel was rated at the very highest level in the Royal Bavarian land tax laws of 1828. *“Lemon, lime and a hint of flint on the fresh nose. Ample on the palate, with white fruit flavors joined by a saline quality on the persistently brisk finish.”* Vinous Media March 2015

2014 Riesling ‘Gaisbohl’ G.C.

2013 Riesling ‘Altenburg’ P.C.

2011 Riesling ‘Gerumpel’ P.C.

750 + 1500ML

2011 Riesling ‘Gaisbohl’ G.C.

“Hints of fennel and basil accent fresh apple and grapefruit in a lusciously fruited, silken-textured Burklin-Wolf 2011 Ruppertsberger Gaisbohl Riesling trocken GC that despite its low residual sugar in no way comes off as too-dry let alone austere. Smokiness of black tea and piquancy of apple and citrus pips add to the stimulation of a succulent and superbly sustained finish. This beauty should prove delightful to follow through at least 2020. 92” eRobertParker.com March 2014

KIRCHENSTUCK - from ‘The Finest Wines of Germany’ by Stephan Reinhardt

“There is no Riesling of similar weight and complexity with comparable elegance and finesse. The finish of this liquid monument is almost infinite, as is, perhaps, its longevity. However, great vintages such as 2002 or 2008 need almost ten years over which to reveal their true potential. This cru, which is supposed to be the most expensive vineyard in Germany, is just 9.1 acres (3.7ha) and the 1985 replanted share of Burklin-Wolf is 1.3 acres (0.54ha). The wine is, therefore, not only very rare but also quite expensive. It is, however, worth every cent.”

2011 Riesling ‘Kirchenstück’ G.C.

“2011 Forster Kirchenstück Riesling trocken GC proves surprisingly herbal and pungent as well as brightly citric. At 13% alcohol, it’s also – contrary to what I’d expect from this site – lower in alcohol than other wines of its collection. The decadence here is by way of faded iris and lily-of-the-valley and the animality by way of mouthwatering urchin roe shading toward a sweet-saline and otherwise mineral savor. Black tea smokiness, bite of white pepper, crushed stone and sizzling lemon rind combine for a piquantly gripping though still also refreshing finish. This should merit following through at least 2022 and hopefully well beyond. 92” eRobertParker.com March 2014