

# CARL EHRHARD

## BLANC DE PINOT NOIR

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**Wine Maker:** Carl Ehrhard

**Location:** Town of Rudesheim, Rheingau

**Designation:** Rudesheimer

**Style:** Trocken (Dry)

**Vineyards:** Berg Rottland, Berg Roseneck, Bischofsberg, Kirchenpfad

**Date Planted:** 1965 - 2008

**Exposure:** South

**Elevation:** 100 - 130m

**Soil:** Slate, Limestone

**Varietal:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Rootstocks:** Börner / SO4

**Training System:** Traditional Guyot

**Vines Training:** Vertical Canopy

**Vine Density:** 4500 - 6000/hectare

**Harvest:** Hand-picked into baskets

**Yield:** 65hl/ha

**Vinification:**

The grapes are crushed and de-stemmed by hand before the free-run juice is collected and soft pressing begins. Slow, gentle fermentation takes place at cool temperatures in stainless steel and usually lasts 4-6 weeks. The wine is left to rest on its lees for one day, and is then stirred before being filtered once and promptly bottled.

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Carl Ehrhard and his family tend 22 acres of Riesling and Pinot Noir spread throughout four prime vineyards around the town of Rudesheim in the Rheingau region of Germany. The estate was founded in 1815 and taken over in 1998 by Carl, his wife Petra and their three daughters. All of the work that goes into crafting these special wines is carried out by the family. The Ehrhards strive to make wines endowed with personality that express the unique character their vineyards. The four vineyards – Berg Rottland, Berg Roseneck, Bischofsberg, and Kirchenpfad are situated on the steep banks of the Rhein River and are maintained without the use of fertilizers or herbicides. In the winery, the Ehrhard's embrace traditional methods and preserve fruit purity through minimal intervention, but with use of modern equipment. Roughly 7,000 cases total are produced annually. These precise, powerful wines are lively and fresh in their youth and develop great depth and character while maintaining clarity as they age.

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