

Gräfllich von Hohenthal'scher

GRAACHER HIMMELREICH RIESLING AUSLESE



Wine Maker: Manuel Brixius and Peter Meurer

Location: Town of Graach, Mosel

Vineyard: Graacher Himmelreich ("Kingdom of Heaven")

Date Planted: 1975

Exposure: South West

Elevation: 110 – 260m

Soil: Weathered, Medium Depth Slate, Low Clay Content

Varietal: 100% Riesling

Rootstock: North American

Training System: Mosel Single Pole, Cane Pruned

Vine Density: 6,500/ha

Harvest Method: Hand Picked

Yield: 6500 hl/ha

Cases Produced: 120

Cellar Potential: 20+ Years

Format: 750ml

Production: Gentle pressing, strict purification of musts, temperature controlled fermentation with selected yeasts, storage in stainless steel tanks until bottling

The Vineyard: Graacher Himmelreich rests on the steep slopes directly east and above to the west of Graach. Some claim the name, "Kingdom of Heaven", is derived from the graveyard located on the site's perimeter. Himmelreich produces crisp, racy wines with firm body, clarity, and freshness.

The Region: To reveal its greatness, the Riesling grape must ripen slowly. Few places in the world allow it to do so with such finesse and charm as the Mosel River Valley in Germany. The long, cool growing season often lasts until December, letting the grapes develop intense, floral, fruit and spice aromas while absorbing minerality from the slate soils. Even at the ripest levels, the climate maintains the grapes' moderately high acidity, so the wines are generally not fully fermented. This leaves some of the natural sugar behind, and results in perfectly balanced wines capable of aging gracefully for decades.

The Winery: Countess Ehrengard von Hohenthal inherited the Disibodenberg monastery located in the Nahe region in 1954 and founded the winery in 1972. The monastery is surrounded by vineyards that have produced wine for centuries. Today, Gräfllich von Hohenthal'scher offers fine wines not only from the Nahe, but several German winegrowing regions, including the Mosel.

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