

Gräfllich von Hohenthal'Scher

ZELTINGER HIMMELREICH RIESLING SPATLESE



Wine Maker: Manuel Brixius and Peter Meurer

Location: Town of Zelting, Mosel

Vineyard: Zeltlinger Himmelreich ("Heavenly Domain")

Date Planted: 1980

Exposure: South/South West

Elevation: 110 – 220m

Soil: Fine and Decomposed Slate

Varietal: 100% Riesling

Rootstock: North American

Training System: Mosel Single Pole, Cane Pruned

Vine Density: 6,500/ha

Harvest Method: Hand Picked

Yield: 7000 hl/ha

Cases Produced: 200

Cellar Potential: 15 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: Himmelreich is Zelting's largest vineyard and looms above the town on slopes that range from gentle to frighteningly steep. Some claim the name, "Kingdom of Heaven", is derived from the graveyard located on the site's perimeter. Himmelreich produces racy, full-bodied wines with intense fruit and minerality.

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, Graflich von Hohenthal'scher offers fine wines not only from the Nahe, but several German winegrowing regions, including the Mosel.

Zeltlinger Himmelreich



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