

Gräflich von Hohenthal'scher

ZELTINGER HIMMELREICH RIESLING SPATLESE



Wine Maker: Manuel Brixius and Peter Meurer
Location: Town of Zelting, Mosel
Vineyard: Zeltlinger Himmelreich ("Heavenly Domain")
Average Age of Vines: 30 Years
Exposure: South/South West
Elevation: 360 – 720 Feet
Soil: Fine and Decomposed Slate
Varietal: 100% Riesling
Rootstock: North American
Training System: Mosel Single Pole, Cane Pruned
Vine Density: 2,630 / Acre
Harvest Method: Hand Picked
Yield: 2834 Liters / Acre
Cases Produced: 200
Cellar Potential: 15 Years
Format: 750ml
UPC: 0 20601 50397 0
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.

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