

FRITZ HAAG 2021 Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese

The epitome of finely selected, intensely mineral sweet Riesling from the magnificent "sundial" vineyard of Brauneberg.

The terrifyingly steep Brauneberg hillside has been revered as a top vineyard site since the Romans first cultivated wine grapes in the Mosel valley in the second century. The Juffer Sonnenuhr is the choicest center cut of the Brauneberg — the steepest and most south-facing part of the hillside that surrounds the sundial. This Grosse Lage (grand cru) site produces profound, distinctive wines with great purity and concentration. Auslese is a rich, concentrated, full-bodied style of Riesling, with a lively interplay between fruity sweetness and vibrant acidity.

THE FRITZ HAAG ESTATE

The Fritz Haag estate is a historic family winery that dates back to 1605. The Haag family farms 29 hectares (72.5 acres) of vineyards in the heart of the Mosel Valley. They produce only Riesling, covering the full style spectrum, from dry to lusciously sweet. A intense "slate" character and a pronounced, fruity acidity give the wines their elegant sophistication and their great aging potential. The estate's graceful, well-defined Rieslings are universally lauded as examples of the finest wines the Mosel region has to offer.

THE 2021 VINTAGE

After three straight years of record sun and high temperatures, nature had different plans for 2021. Spring brought plentiful precipitation, and low temperatures with fleeting hours of sunshine that delayed the flowering until in the second half of June, the historical average. July took a turn for the warmer, and a "golden October" brought sunny days and cool temperatures. This set the stage perfectly for harvest and rewarded us with highly aromatic, yellow-gold grapes with rich fruit expressions and fresh minerality. It was a small but quintessentially classic Mosel vintage of massive quality, with unique elegance, concentrated fruit, low alcohol levels, and outstanding freshness.

[96] Wine Advocate

"Lush and saline on the palate, this is a dense, savory and stimulating Auslese. The acidity is fine and well embedded into the lush and generous but precise and elegant fruit." — August 2022

[96] James Suckling

"Smelling the nose of this wine is like walking into a room filled with vases of white flowers. Breathtaking concentration and purity of flavor on the incredibly precise palate." — August 2022

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling

Vineyard Sources: Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr

Alcohol: 7.5%

Residual Sweetness: 87 grams/liter
Total Acidity: 10.4 grams/liter
Total Production: 200 cases
UPC: 810404020050

NUTRITION INFO

Calories: 121 per serving (5 oz.)

Carbs & Sugar: 14.0 grams per serving

Fat & Cholesterol: None
Pesticide & Herbicide Free

GMO Free Gluten Free Vegan