

MAXIMIN GRÜNHAUS 2021 Herrenberg Riesling Grosses Gewächs (GG)

A deftly structured and elegant dry Riesling from the red slate soil of the Herrenberg vineyard.

The Herrenberg vineyard is based more on red slate than its blue slate neighbor, the Abtsberg. It also has deeper topsoil that retains more water, which can be of great benefit in dry years. The wines are more generous and tend to open up sooner than those of Abtsberg, but are capable of equal longevity. Grosses Gewächs (GG) is the German term for a dry wine from a Grosse Lage (grand cru) vineyard.

ABOUT MAXIMIN GRÜNHAUS

This historic estate dates back to the 7th century, when the vineyards and buildings were donated to the Benedictine order of St. Maximin. The monastery was privatized by Napoleon in the early 19th century. In 1882, it was purchased by an ancestor of Maximin von Schubert, who is the sixth generation of the family to own the estate. Work in the vineyards is done in close harmony with nature. Fertilization is organic, and no pesticides or herbicides are used. The wines ferment naturally in the deep, cool cellar, where they are matured in stainless steel tanks and neutral oak casks.

THE 2021 VINTAGE

The pandemic and the weather conditions challenged us repeatedly in 2021, demanding a great deal of flexibility and difficult decision-making. It was a cool growing season and, in July, a violent hailstorm destroyed about 40% of the crop. The main harvest began on October 14, four weeks later than last year. We then extended the harvest to wait for higher must weights in some plots of the Grüneberg. This classic vintage produced exceptionally fine and balanced Rieslings, which are supported by a fresh structure and the characteristic Grünhäuser minerality. Overall, we harvested only three barrels (30 hectoliters) per hectare, but we are still satisfied — quality remains our highest goal.

[95] James Suckling

"Deep nose of white and yellow peach. Stunning interplay of ripeness, racy acidity and very intense slatey minerality that runs right through the wine to the very end where the wet stone character is almost as intense as this can possibly get." — August 2022

[93] Wine Enthusiast

"It is ripe, yet with prominent acidity. It is actually very light on its feet, with great poise, but also firm grip. It glides to a long aftertaste." — August/September 2023

TECHNICAL INFO

Vineyard Sources: Maximin Grünhäuser Herrenberg

Alcohol: 11.5%

Residual Sweetness: 8.6 grams/liter

Total Acidity: 8.2 grams/liter

Total Production: 650 cases

UPC: 810404021118



NUTRITION INFO

Calories: 103 per serving (5 oz.)

Carbohydrate & Sugar: 1.3 grams per serving

Fat & Cholesterol: None
Sustainably Grown

Pesticide & Herbicide Free

GMO Free Gluten Free Vegan