



Kiedrich Gräfenberg vineyard

Winemaker Wilhelm Weil

ROBERT WEIL

2018 Kiedrich Gräfenberg Riesling Auslese



WEINGUT ROBERT WEIL

Founded in 1875, Weingut Robert Weil is one of the finest producers in the Rheingau region. Wilhelm Weil, the great-grandson of the estate's founder, carries on the uncompromising, quality-oriented vineyard and cellar practices that have been the hallmark of this elite estate for four generations.

The Rheingau is part of the Rhine valley, near the city of Mainz. Notable for steep, south-facing slopes in a protected valley along a climate-moderating river, this area has the ideal conditions for growing ripe, full-bodied Riesling.

KIEDRICH GRÄFENBERG RIESLING AUSLESE

The outstanding quality of the Kiedrich Gräfenberg ("Hill of the Counts") vineyard was first documented in the late 12th century. It is a steep, southwest-facing slope in a sheltered side valley of the Rheingau, with deep to medium-deep stony soil made up of phyllite interspersed with water-retaining layers of loess and loam. Auslese ("out of the harvest") is a special selection of overripe fruit, usually including clusters that have been partially affected by botrytis. This produces a concentrated sweet wine with beautiful balance.

TECHNICAL INFO

Appellation: Rheingau

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling

Vineyard Sources: Kiedrich Gräfenberg Grosse Lage (grand cru)

Soil Type: Phyllite, loess, loam

Vineyard Management: Sustainable – no herbicides, pesticides or chemical fertilizers

Harvest Method: Hand picked, special selection

Must Weight: 133° Oechsle (30.8 Brix)

Vinification: Fermented in stainless steel tanks; fermentation stopped by chilling

Alcohol: 9.0%

Total Acidity: 9.7 grams/liter

Residual Sweetness: 142.5 grams/liter

Total Production: 250 cases

FROM THE PRESS

[98] *JamesSuckling.com*

"Very intense ripe apricots, peaches and mangoes. A sense of grandeur here. The palate has incredible intensity and powerful, ripe fruit that is pitched against extreme acidity. Such intensity and balance. Wow! Drink or hold." *December 2019*

[97] *Wine Advocate*

"Opens with a fascinating, clear, piquant and spicy bouquet with lemon zest aromas. Lush and generous but incredibly precise and elegant on the palate, with truly fresh and piquant fruit and concentration with minty notes on the finish." *January 2020*