

CARL EHRHARD

Old School Riesling "Feinherb"

Wine Maker: Carl Ehrhard

Location: Town of Rudesheim, Rheingau

Style: Kabinett Feinherb (Balanced, Dry)

Vineyard: Berg Roseneck

This wine is sourced from the Berg Roseneck vineyard which has two very distinct sections. The eastern side is flatter with loess and loam soils, and as evidenced here, produces richer, more acidic wines.

Date Planted: 1965 - 2008

Exposure: South

Elevation: 330 – 430 feet

Soil: Loess, Loam, Quartzite

Varietal: 100% Riesling

Rootstocks: Börner / SO4

Training System: Traditional Guyot

Vines Training: Vertical Canopy

Vine Density: 1,800 - 2,400 / acre

Harvest: Hand-picked into baskets

Yield: 2,630 Liters / acre

Vinification: Slow fermentation at 64°F lasts three weeks. Half of the must is fermented in stainless steel and the other half in neutral oak, both with indigenous yeasts. The halves then trade places from steel to wood and vice versa to age an additional 3-4 months. No wood flavors are imparted on the wine, but this traditional use of barrels helps to smooth it out.

Acidity: 8.4 g/l

Residual Sugar: 15.2 g/l

Alcohol: 11.5%

Cellar Potential: 15+ Years



Carl Ehrhard and his family tend 22 acres of Riesling and Pinot Noir spread throughout six prime vineyards around the town of Rudesheim in the Rheingau region of Germany. The estate has been in the family since 1815 and was taken over in 1998 by Carl, his wife Petra and their three daughters. All of the work that goes into crafting these special wines is carried out by the family. The Ehrhards strive to make wines endowed with personality that express the unique character of their vineyards. The six vineyards – Berg Rottland, Berg Roseneck, Bischofsberg, Kirchenpfad, Klosterberg and Klosterlay are situated on the steep banks of the Rhein River and are maintained without the use of fertilizers or herbicides. In the winery, the Ehrhards embrace traditional methods and preserve fruit purity through minimal intervention, but with use of modern equipment. Roughly 7,000 cases total are produced annually. These precise, powerful wines are lively and fresh in their youth and develop great depth and character while maintaining clarity as they age.



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