

CARL EHRHARD

Berg Roseneck Riesling Kabinett

Wine Maker: Carl Ehrhard

Location: Town of Rudesheim, Rheingau

Style: Kabinett (Delicate, Off-Dry)

Vineyard: Berg Roseneck

The Berg Roseneck vineyard is named for the *Rosenhecken*, or rose hedges that grow on its rocky edges. The vineyard has two very distinct sections. This wine is produced from the western side where the slopes are very steep and composed of quartzite and red slate. As evidenced here, this part of the vineyard produces more delicate, mineral driven wines.

Date Planted: 1965 - 2008

Exposure: South

Elevation: 330 – 430 feet

Soil: Loess, Clay, 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 with a gentle filtration just before bottling. The wine is bottled with natural residual sugar.

Alcohol: 8.5%

Acidity: 9.0 g/l

Residual Sugar: 61.9 g/l

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 1884 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.

