

VON DER LEYEN



Riesling QbA Nahe, Germany

VARIETY

100% Riesling

PLACE & PRODUCTION

Unlike other German wine regions, Riesling accounts for just 25% of the Nahe's total production. This is because it ripens only in the best growing areas, and these are of course, limited. As a result, Riesling produced here is top quality. The Nahe also boasts the most diverse soil in all of Germany, and thus a wide range of wine styles: from fresh and lively, to rich and intense. Moselland growers are scattered throughout the region, and this provides the flexibility to produce compelling wines with consistency and quality in every vintage. Grapes are harvested separately, according to vineyard site, and must weight. Lots are vinified individually in small stainless-steel tanks under temperature control using selected yeast. The final blend for Von der Leyen is assembled by Moselland's head wine maker, and the wine is stored in tank until bottling, so only the freshest wine is shipped to the market.

ABOUT THE WINERY

Von der Leyen was Elector (Kurfürst) and Bishop of Trier from 1652-1676. During that time he built a winery in Bernkastel and this wine is an homage to his legacy. It is produced by Moselland, a growers' cooperative famous for producing premium quality wines at competitive prices. What is a growers' cooperative, exactly? A cooperative is a group of wine grape growers who share their resources to produce, bottle, and market wine. Making wine independently requires investment and time that is practically beyond the means of most farmers. Cooperatives play an essential role by providing growers with access to economy of scale, a vocal role in production, and a fair share of profits. This approach also provides a tremendous benefit to consumers. Well-run cooperatives like Moselland are a prime source for excellent wines at lower prices. Moselland was formed in 1968 when several small cooperatives merged. It is now based in in the famous twin wine towns of Bernkastel-Kues, in the heart of the middle Mosel river valley. Moselland produces wines from all over Germany in a range of styles, and Riesling is their specialty.

TASTING NOTE

Notes of guava and honeysuckle evoke a tropical flair in this off-dry Riesling. Plump flavors of white peach and nectarine are balanced by crisp apple and lime zest with a touch of minerals.

FOOD PAIRING

Complements lighter preparations of fish and chicken dishes. Great with spicy East Asian dishes, too.

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