

Schloss Vollrads,
`Winkel` Rheingau Riesling Kabinett Trocken 2019
Vollrads, Rheingau, Germany

SCHLOSS
VOLLRADS



Grape Varieties	100% Riesling
Winemaker	Dr. Rowald Hepp
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	12%
Residual Sugar	8.5g/L
Acidity	8.1g/L
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Schloss Vollrads, with nearly 800 years of viticulture experience, is one of the oldest wine estates in the world. The vineyards are located in the heart of the Rheingau, where the quality of Riesling is unsurpassed by any other region in the world. In 1728, the world's first Kabinett was produced at Schloss Vollrads and, 300 years on, the estate is still going from strength to strength under the watchful eye of Rowald Hepp and his winemaker Ralph Herke. The estate now has 81 hectares of Riesling vineyards.

VINEYARDS

All Schloss Vollrads' vineyards are planted with Riesling and are situated between the Rhine and the forest clad hills that protect the vines from the cool north winds. Rowald has been improving quality at Schloss Vollrads since he joined in 1997 and his philosophy runs through every aspect of production. Strict pruning ensures that yields are 40% lower than the legal requirement, while further reductions are made by crop thinning.

VINTAGE

Continuing the pattern from 2018, the 2019 vintage saw low levels of rainfall and very high temperatures. Budburst and the start of the growing cycle occurred an average of 10 days earlier than usual. From June to September it was consistently warmer than seasonal averages. Occasional rainfall was, naturally, distributed unevenly. The weather became progressively changeable end of September at the beginning of the harvest, but as the grapes had already reached physiological ripeness, the vintage was not threatened. All in all, 2019 has given a top-quality harvest but 25% less quantity than average.

VINIFICATION

Fermentation took place with selected yeasts over three weeks in temperature-controlled, stainless-steel tanks at 18°C. No oak ageing or malolactic fermentation took place to preserve the fruit purity and freshness of the wine.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is bright pale yellow in colour. A fruity nose with notes of apple, peach and apricots. The palate is round and mellow with a clear fruity taste and a strong mineral character. Characterised by its elegance, the acidity is well balanced by the residual sugar before the long, off dry finish.