

Maximin Grünhaus, Maximin,
`Maximin` Pinot Blanc 2021
Mosel, Germany



Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Blanc
Winemaker	Stefan Kraml
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	12.5%
Residual Sugar	6.8g/L
Acidity	7.3g/L

PRODUCER

Located on steep, south-facing slopes two kilometres from where the Ruwer river meets the Mosel, the estate of Maximin Grünhaus has a history of viticulture dating from the Roman times. It takes its name from the Abbey of Saint Maximin, a Benedictine monastery which owned the land from the 7th to 18th century. Passing into French administration under Napoleon and then eventually to the von Schubert family in the late 19th century, the estate is now overseen by sixth-generation family member Maximin Von Schubert, who took over from his father Carl Von Schubert in 2014.

VINEYARDS

The `Maximin` range is the introduction to the Maximin Grünhaus portfolio, offering inviting wines that represent superb value. In addition to Maximin Grünhaus' Pinot Blanc grapes grown in the Herrenberg vineyard, a portion of the fruit is carefully sourced from trusted growers in the Mosel-Saar-Ruwer valleys that share the estate's ethos and exacting standards. The soil type varies, but it is dominated by the famous blue and red Devonian slate that imparts a delicate minerality and a charming lightness to this range.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage was marked by a lot of rain after three years of dry summers. A cold spring led to late budburst, and while early summer was warm, there continued to be a lot of rainfall, followed by thunderstorms and hailstorms in July. These resulted in a loss of about 40% of the crop, in particular on the western side of the Grüneberg. Harvest took place in late September, about a month later than recent vintages, and lasted until mid-November.

VINIFICATION

The fruit for the `Maximin` Pinot Blanc was hand-harvested. After selection, the grapes underwent cold fermentation with indigenous yeast in stainless-steel tanks to retain the fruitiness and freshness present in the final wine.

TASTING NOTES

The `Maximin` Pinot Blanc is fresh and tangy with aromas of kiwi, blossom, honeydew melon, and white grapefruit. On the palate, it surprises with flavours of nuts and bananas, and a hint of white pepper. The acidity is harmoniously integrated with a delicate minerality on the tingling finish.