



Joh. Jos. Prüm Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese 2010

Estate:

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Recommended Producer of Dessert wines, Wine Enthusiast Dec. 2010

Weingut Joh. Jos. Prüm was founded in 1911 by Johann Josef Prüm. Today it is owned and managed by Dr. Manfred Prüm and his daughter Dr. Katharina Prüm. They focus solely on Riesling from famous sites like Wehlener Sonnenuhr, Graacher Himmelreich, Zeltinger Sonnenuhr and Bernkasteler Badstube. They are currently one of only nine wine estates in Germany ranked five stars by Gault Millau, which is the European wine world's equivalent to the Michelin guide. Their Rieslings are renowned for their ageing potential and are sought after by collectors.

Estate owners and wine makers: Dr. Manfred Prüm and Dr. Katharina Prüm
Acres under vine: 55, Average annual production: 15,000 cases
Varietals produced: Riesling (100%)

The Vineyard:

Production area: Wehlener Sonnenuhr (Sonnenuhr literally means sundial)
Size of vineyards: approx. 125 acres
Soil composition: Devonian, weather-beaten grey slate soil
Training method: Single pale, Vines/acre: approx. 3.000
Fermentation and aging container: stainless steel
Exposure: south-south-west; Yeast: Wild yeast

Region: Mosel

The most internationally known of all the regions, the Mosel is synonymous with sweet-style Rieslings. Comprised of blue (also called grey) and red slate, the vineyards in the Mosel are some of the steepest in the world. Single-vine trellising and hand-harvesting are the only options in many of the vineyards sites.

Vintage Report 2010

A very long, cold winter resulted in a rather late awakening of nature. Spring started slowly, with budbreak not taking place until late April, when temperatures finally went up. Mid-June brought the "Schafskälte" (sheep's chill), which caused an extension of the flowering period and resulted in uneven sizes of berries within a cluster. Summer was perfect, but September and early October were cool and definitely more humid. We waited to harvest, starting on October 15 and finishing on November 9. The grapes had achieved good ripeness levels, with the unusual combination of high must weights and high acidity levels. The quality is very promising, but the amount of Kabinett and Spätlese will be quite limited. The focus of this vintage will be Auslese and Auslese Goldcapsule, crowned by some BAs and TBAs at the top.

Tasting Notes:

The wines of the Wehlener Sonnenuhr possess an excellent structure, show beautiful, ripe aromas and flavours (typically stone fruits, like peach), a fine minerality and great depth and length. Especially after having been aged for some years, their harmony, finesse and expression is unique. This Wehlener Sonnenuhr Auslese is a very classical Mosel Riesling Auslese, a fine yet racy wine, combining elegance and complexity and showing a beautiful balance between fruit aromas and flavours, a crisp acidity and fine minerality. Although this wine is very appealing now already, it will improve a lot with ageing in the years to come and be enjoyable for decades.

Technical Information: Alcohol: 8.0 % by vol. ,

Ratings:

