Reichsrat von Buhl Maria Schneider Jazz Riesling Pfalz, Germany





Overview

Reichsrat von Buhl has been a family-owned winery for more than 150 years, and has belonged to the circle of the most prestigious wineries in Germany for just as long. Since it was founded in 1849, Reichsrat von Buhl has made its wines in a terroir-dominated, timeless style that has never been oriented to fashion, but always to the grapes' origins in the best soils of Deidesheimer and Forster. Reichsrat von Buhl is certified organic, and is an active ambassador of both natural, sustainable viticulture and of the best German wines.

History

The estate was founded back in 1849 by Franz Peter Buhl (1809-1862) and came about as part of the distribution of the original Jordan estate into the three smaller estates Geheimer

Rat Dr. von Bassermann-Jordan, Reichsrat von Buhl and Dr. Deinhard. Within few years, von Buhl was recognized for its uncompromising quality. Von Buhl wines become some of the most expensive wines in the world and at the official opening of the Suez Canal in 1869, it was Von Buhl Riesling wine in the glasses raised for the toast. German chancellor Otto von Bismarck himself was a great lover of Buhl wines.

Region

The Pfalz is a narrow stretch of land just 9 miles (15km) wide that extends peacefully through a gentle landscape of budding vineyards, fertile orchards and picturesque, half-timbered villages. It is the second largest German wine region by growing area and only topped by Rheinhessen, which it borders to the north. From there, the Pfalz stretches to the French border 53 miles (85km) to the south and borders the French wine growing region of Alsace. Near the French city of Wissembourg, some vineyards even reach across the border into France. To the west, it is sheltered by the uplands of the Pfälzerwald, which protect it from cold winds and heavy rainfalls. To the east, it is bordered by the lowlands of the Rhine River. It is a beautiful, idyllic landscape that reaches a ratio of grapevines to people of 600:1.

Grape

Riesling is grown in most wine producing countries around the world. It is the most planted grape in Germany where the most well known versions are produced. Americans are most familiar with sweeter versions, but dry Rieslings are made, not only in Germany, but notably Australia and New Zealand.



Wine

This version is considered medium-dry in Germany, though dry wine drinkers will consider it sweet. It has classic aromatics of pear, apple, lime and a hint of baking spice all of which translate to the palate. Pair this with spicy Asian cuisine, sushi or crème brûlée.

Maturity

This wine should hold up well for 3 to 4 years, but is meant to be drunk young.

\$15.50