

Rheingau

Winegrowing area:

Rheingau is unique among the 13 German winegrowing areas. Its superb locations, exceptionally favourable weather conditions and long history are the reasons for its undisputed reputation. On its 1,300-kilometre-long journey from Switzerland to the North Sea, the Rhine only leaves its north-westerly course once (at Mainz) to veer off towards the south west for 35 kilometres. This translates into a sunny south to south-west position for the hills on the northern side of the Rhine. The Rheingau region extends from Wicker to Lorchhausen.

Spreitzer Vineyard

The Spreitzer Vineyard is one of the oldest in Oestrich and has been making wine since 1641. The vineyard has been managed by brothers Andreas and Bernd Spreitzer since 1997.

The 21-hectare vineyard is planted with the two classic Rheingau Riesling (97%) and pinot noir (3%) vines. The grapes for the special quality wines are picked by hand to guarantee that only mature fruit reaches the wine press which is then pressed using the whole cluster technique. Because the must is consistently pre-clarified, this method promises a minimum of trub and bitter substances. The must is then stored in a wooden barrel or temperature-controlled stainless steel tank for fermentation. As a result, fermentation is very slow and consistent, enabling us to retain the natural fruit. The vineyard's goal is to cultivate vines in the most natural way possible. Therefore, intensively revegetates the area to control the microclimate. Every second row is planted and the grain sown in winter. The vines are only pruned slightly, which produces a smaller harvest but one of exceptional quality.

Wine recommendations:

2016 Riesling Josef Spreitzer dry	0.2 L/0.75 L	8.50/30.00
2016 Blanc de Noir dry	0.2 L/0.75 L	9.00/32.00

Typical regional dishes:

Pork platter	13.50
Wulfsdorfer Demeter pork with herby mustard and radish	
Potato pancakes with marinated salmon	14.50
radishes and sour cream	
Quark dumplings	19.50
with Rheingau hard cheese, planed courgettes and salad of herbs	