



Kiedrich Gräfenberg vineyard

Winemaker Wilhelm Weil

## ROBERT WEIL

### 2016 Kiedrich Gräfenberg Riesling Spätlese



#### WEINGUT ROBERT WEIL

Founded in 1875, Weingut Robert Weil is one of the finest producers in the Rheingau region. Wilhelm Weil, the great-grandson of the estate's founder, carries on the uncompromising, quality-oriented vineyard and cellar practices that have been the hallmark of this elite estate for four generations.

#### THE RHEINGAU REGION

The Rheingau is part of the Rhine valley, near the city of Mainz. Notable for steep, south-facing slopes in a protected valley along a climate-moderating river, this area has the ideal conditions for growing ripe, full-bodied Riesling.

#### KIEDRICH GRÄFENBERG RIESLING SPÄTLESE

The outstanding quality of the Gräfenberg ("Hill of the Counts") vineyard was first documented in the late 12th century. It is a steep, southwest-facing slope in a sheltered side valley, with deep to medium-deep stony soil made up of phyllite interspersed with water-retaining layers of loess and loam. Yields are very low, resulting in wines with extraordinary concentration.

#### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Variety:** 100% Riesling

**Vineyard Sources:** Kiedrich Gräfenberg

**Soil Type:** Phyllite, loess, loam

**Vineyard Management:** Sustainable – no herbicides, pesticides or chemical fertilizers

**Harvest Method:** Hand picked, special selection

**Harvest Date:** October 2016, at 95° Oechsle (22.7 Brix)

**Vinification:** Fermented in stainless steel tanks; fermentation stopped by chilling

**Alcohol:** 8.5%

**Total Acidity:** 8.8 grams/liter

**Residual Sweetness:** 75.1 grams/liter

**Total Production:** 660 cases

**UPC:** None

#### FROM THE PRESS

**[95] *Wine Enthusiast* — Cellar Selection —**

"Unctuous, sun-drenched peach and apricot are glazed with honey, earth and spice in this luminous medium-sweet wine. A silken texture on the midpalate is accented by hits of lime and crushed minerals. Its fruity, forward flavors are stunning already, but there's too much complexity here that's yet to develop. Hold till at least 2021 and it will continue to reward for years to come"  
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