



Winemaker Wilhelm Weil

## ROBERT WEIL 2016 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.

### RIESLING SPÄTLESE

The Estate Spätlese is made with the same exacting standards and meticulous attention to detail as the single vineyard wines, and is designed to showcase Spätlese's riper, richer style from late-picked fruit. The 2016 Spätlese is rich and concentrated, but not heavy. Superb acidity gives it a refreshing, nearly dry finish.

### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Variety:** 100% Riesling

**Vineyard Sources:** Primarily from parcels neighboring the top hillside sites, but also includes a pre-selection of fruit from Kiedrich Klosterberg and Gräfenberg

**Soil Type:** Phyllite, loam

**Age of Vines:** 25-30 years average

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

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

**Harvest Date:** October 2016, at 88 Oechsle (21.1 Brix)

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

**Alcohol:** 8.0%

**Total Acidity:** 9.0 grams/liter

**Residual Sweetness:** 59.8 grams/liter

**Total Production:** 750 cases

**UPC:** 810404020098

### FROM THE PRESS

#### [93] *Wine & Spirits* — Year's Best German Rieslings

"A subtle Spätlese riesling blended from sites around Keidrich Gräfenberg, this excels in the energy it transmits. It's partly a quality of the fruit, zesty and fresh in its lime-and-herb flavors, and partly the way it turns that juicy, fresh fruit into head-filling, complex, floral aromas. As delicate as it feels, it's also firm, a candidate for the cellar, where it's likely to grow in expression." *February 2018*

