



The rolling hills of Westhofen



Winemaker Philipp Wittmann

WITTMANN 2016 “100 Hills” Riesling Dry



WEINGUT WITTMANN

The Wittmann estate has as its foundation the pursuit of balanced wines that have tension, depth and intensity, but are at the same time fresh and elegant. Owner Philipp Wittmann has no doubt that this complex character can only be created in the vineyard, so attention to detail in the viticulture is of primary importance. Philipp looks for natural balance in the vineyards, in order to slow the ripening process and harvest grapes that have fully developed flavors, but are not overripe and still have moderate must weights. All of the Wittmann estate vineyards are certified Organic and Biodynamic.

THE RHEINHESSEN REGION

The Rheinhessen is a vast area of rolling hills in the bended knee of the Rhine river, between the Pfalz and the Rheingau. Wine grapes have been cultivated here since Roman times. Many different grape varieties are grown here, with Riesling recently reclaiming its rightful position as the leading variety. The soils are primarily based on limestone, with a mix of topsoils, including clay, marl and loess.

100 HILLS RIESLING

The entry-level “100 Hills” wines are produced with about 40% estate-harvested fruit, primarily from sites that are not as dominated by limestone as the estate’s best vineyards. The remainder of the fruit is sourced from other local growers, all of whom are members of Naturland, a German certification organization for Organic agriculture.

The 100 Hills wines are harvested by hand, fermented naturally and matured in 50% stainless steel tanks and 50% large, neutral wooden casks. This combination retains the lively, bright fruit while bringing an extra dimension of texture from maturation in wood. The 2015 Riesling is medium-bodied, with a nicely balance structure. A blast of juicy citrus fruit on the palate finishes dry with a zesty touch of grapefruit peel.

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling

Alcohol: 12.5%

Total Acidity: 8.0 grams/liter

Residual Sweetness: 5.0 grams/liter

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FROM THE PRESS

[90] *Wine Enthusiast*

“Hints of honey and orange blossom soften cutting lime and lemon flavors in this medium-bodied Riesling. Dry in style, it’s a zesty, intensely thirst quenching wine, with a long finish fringed by bitter, waxy lime-pith complexities. Drink now through 2020.” *April 2018*