



Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Vineyard



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# FRITZ HAAG

## 2017 Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling GG (Grosses Gewächs)



### THE FRITZ HAAG ESTATE

The Fritz Haag estate is a family enterprise that farms 17 hectares (42 acres) of vineyards in the heart of the Mosel Valley. They produce only Riesling, covering the full style spectrum, from dry to lusciously sweet. A mineral “slate” character and a pronounced, fruity acidity give the wines their elegant sophistication and their great aging potential.

### THE MOSEL REGION

The Mosel River flows from France into western Germany near the city of Trier, and winds its way northeast to its confluence with the Rhine. This region is known for its delicate, mineral-inflected wines from slate soils. The Fritz Haag estate is in the Middle Mosel village of Brauneberg, a few kilometers upstream from Bernkastel. The Brauneberg (“brown hill”) vineyards are located on the steep, south-facing hillside on the opposite side of the river.

### BRAUNEBERGER JUFFER SONNENUHR RIESLING GG

The terrifyingly steep Brauneberg hillside has been revered as a top vineyard site since the Romans first cultivated wine grapes in the Mosel valley. It is an isolated, south-facing hill that is one of the drier vineyards in the area, a great advantage in this wet, northern climate.

The Juffer Sonnenuhr (“Sundial”) vineyard is the choicest center cut of the Brauneberg — the steepest and most south-facing part of the hillside. This Grosse Lage (grand cru) site produces profound, distinctive wines with great purity and concentration. The Juffer Sonnenuhr GG is produced 60% in Fuder casks and spends more time on the fine lees than the Juffer GG. It is a full-textured wine with fine fruit aromas and delicate juiciness that lingers on the palate.

### TECHNICAL INFO

- Grape Variety:** 100% Riesling
- Vineyard Source:** Brauneberger Juffer
- Must Weight:** 96 Oechsle (22.9 Brix)
- Alcohol:** 13.0%
- Total Acidity:** 7.8 grams/liter
- Residual Sweetness:** 7.0 grams/liter
- Total Production:** 400 cases
- UPC:** None



### FROM THE PRESS

[95] *Wine Enthusiast* — #36 Top 100 Cellar Selections Wines for 2018 — “Anything but a fruit bomb, this has gigantic herbal intensity on the nose, then literally breathtaking concentration on the palate and a finish of crystalline purity – words more often used to describe the much sleeker wines from the Mosel. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Gigantic aging potential, but you can certainly drink it now.” *September 2018*