



Brauneberg Vineyard Map



Winemaker Oliver Haag

## FRITZ HAAG 2017 Brauneberger Juffer 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 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 vineyard surrounds the smaller Juffer Sonnenuhr on three sides, extending both upstream and downstream, as well as above the sundial. This vineyard produces lighter, more delicate wines than the warmer, riper Sonnenuhr. A lusciously dry Riesling, the Juffer GG is a special selection of ripe, healthy fruit and is produced primarily in stainless steel. A stunning wine, it is paradoxically weighty and weightless at the same time.

### 2017 VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 growing year was rich in both surprises and challenges. The harvest began earlier than ever before and, just as significantly, yields were lower than we had seen in years. After 12 thrilling months of weather worries and meticulous vineyard work, the vintage ultimately culminated in a small but sublime and sophisticated collection of wines that are finely focused, with concentrated structure and densely layered fruit.

### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Variety:** 100% Riesling  
**Vineyard Source:** Brauneberger Juffer  
**Must Weight:** 94 Oechsle (22.5 Brix)  
**Alcohol:** 12.5%  
**Total Acidity:** 7.7 grams/liter  
**Residual Sweetness:** 7.6 grams/liter  
**Total Production:** 650 cases  
**UPC:** None

