



Winemaker Oliver Haag

## FRITZ HAAG 2017 Estate Riesling



### 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 estate’s graceful, well-defined Rieslings are universally lauded as examples of the finest wines the Mosel region has to offer.

### 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 Berncastel. The Brauneberg (“brown hill”) vineyards are located on the steep, south-facing hillside on the opposite side of the river.

### ESTATE RIESLING

This is the estate’s entry-level Riesling from steep, slate-soil vineyards in the Brauneberg area. It is made in a slightly off-dry style that perfectly balances Mosel Riesling’s typically crisp acidity. This makes it a very refreshing choice to serve as an aperitif, as a partner for lighter dishes or with reception appetizers.

### 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 Sources:** Brauneberg, Mühlheim

**Must Weight:** 87 Oechsle (20.9 Brix)

**Alcohol:** 11.0%

**Total Acidity:** 8.0 grams/liter

**Residual Sweetness:** 17.3 grams/liter

**Total Production:** 1,800 cases

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