



Vineyards of Westhofen



Winemaker Philipp Wittmann

# WEINGUT WITTMANN

## 2017 Westhofener Riesling Trocken



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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 knee of the Rhine river, between the Pfalz and the Rheingau. Many different grape varieties are grown here, with Riesling recently reclaiming its rightful position as the leading variety. The soils of Westhofen are primarily based on limestone, with a mix of topsoils, including clay, marl and loess.

### WESTHOFENER RIESLING TROCKEN

This is the estate's "village" wine (VDP.Ortswein), selected from younger blocks (5 to 15 years) in the Grosse Lage (grand cru) Morstein and Brunnenhäuschen vineyards. It is a selective hand harvest of fully ripe grapes that are gently pressed and naturally fermented in large, neutral oak casks. Rich in mineral tones, this wine shows the great potential of these tops sites.

### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Variety:** 100% Riesling

**Vineyard Sources:** Morstein (75%) and Brunnenhäuschen (25%)

**Viticulture:** 100% Biodynamic (certified by Respekt Wine)

**Vinification:** Brief maceration (6–12 hours). Gentle pressing. Native yeast fermentation in large, neutral oak casks. Matured on the lees for 10 months (no bâtonnage). No fining; light filtration before bottling.

**Alcohol:** 13.0%

**Total Acidity:** 75 grams/liter

**Residual Sweetness:** 4.0 grams/liter

**UPC:** 810404020319



Certified Biodynamic

### FROM THE PRESS

[94] *Stuart Pigott (Jamessuckling.com)*

"It's no wonder that this has the ripeness and depth of a top, single-vineyard wine, considering that it comes mostly from the Morstein, plus some Brunnenhäuschen. Powerful but subtle with a ton of herbal and chalky character at the very long, clean finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified." *September 2018*