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RUDESHEIMER BISCHOFBERG Riesling Kabinett Feinherb

THE ESTATE: The winery is located in Oestrich August Eser in the German region Rheingau . It has emerged since 1759 in family property, the building, an old wooden barrel-vaulted cellar in 1650. Today it is owned by Joachim and Renee Ezer, supported by the daughter Desiree. It is practiced semi-natural, environmentally friendly viticulture. The estate-owned vine-yards with ten hectares of vines spread across eight municipal area with 17 individual layers, which can be produced wines from different terroirs of the Rheingau. The key, as all FirstGrowth classified sites are Oestricher Lechen and Doosberg; Erbacher Siegelsberg; Rauenthaler Rothenberg and Gehrn; Hattenheimer Nuβbrunnen and Wisselbrunnen; Winkeler Jesuitengarten;Rüdesheimer Bischofsberg. They are 95% Riesling and pinot noir with 5% planted. The winery is a member of VDP (Association of German VDP) and the Rheingau vintners association Jungwinzer.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Riesling

THE SOIL: The Rheingau is characterized by its geographic position with only south facing slopes and the lake like river Rhine. The deep clay soils are well sustained with water although there is only a little rainfall (530 mm per year). This is because of the Rheingau hills and the humus development out of our cover crop management, which has been ongoing for two decades. The main focus is on keeping natural soil vitality. Practicing close to nature combined with minimum yields is the base for quality, which is further improved by a late, selective hand harvest.

VINIFICATION: Selective harvesting by hand;several selections of the grapes on the vine; limited yield; sensitive crushing and processing of the grapes; slow and controlled fermentation for a better flavour development; fermentation in wood barrels in combination with stainless steel tanks