

Weingut Max Ferd. Richter

PROFILE

The estate of Max Ferd. Richter has been passed down from father to son for the past 300 years. The current reins are held by Dr. Dirk Richter, the 9th generation, and will eventually be passed down to his son Constantin. The estate produces world-class Rieslings from some of the most esteemed vineyards in the Mosel, and all production comes from estate holdings. Through the entire line of wines, their hallmark balance is evident in every glass.

Throughout the estate, only all-natural fertilizers, sustainable farming, and hand-harvesting are employed. Vineyards are treated as needed so in some vintages some vineyards are entirely ecological. They use pomace, compost and stall manure as fertilizers. Application is in late winter and early spring. Overall, they are trying to minimize waste, water and energy consumption.

The Dompropst is the heart of the Graacher vineyard terroir. The "Dompropst" being the dean of the Cathedral of Trier, he had access to the best part of those vineyards in medieval days and the vineyard is now seen as the "Premier Grand Cru" in Graach. The soil is composed of devonian slate stone with rich clay and alluvial pebbles and stones washed in by the Mosel river.

SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: 2020 Graacher Dompropst Alte Reben

Varietals: 100% Riesling

Appellation: Prädikatswein Mosel

Exposure: South-east

Soil: Slate stone with rich clay

Vineyard Age: Planted in 1965

Harvest: Hand harvested in the middle of October 94° Oechsle Auslese level.

Agricultural Method: Traditional

Vinification: Fermentation was executed by indigenous yeast, temperature controlled in traditional old oak barrels (Fuder). The wine was sitting on the yeast including a weekly "batonnage" to enrich complexity and richness till bottling on 14th June 2021.

Tasting Note: It offers a zesty, fruity, aromatic, and fresh nose of lime, orange zest, pink grapefruit, herbs, earthy spices, smoke, licorice, and blackberry. Some nice tickly acidity lifts up the flavors on the palate before a smoother but also quite delicate side underpinned by nice ripe yellow fruit comes through. The wine leaves a nice feel of zest and spices in the impressive and slightly powerful finish.

Food Pairings: Great food wine. Goes with carré d'agneau au romarin cuisson au four, roasted duck and other delights.

Alcohol: 12.5%

Residual Sugar: 9.1 g/l

Acidity: 7.7 g/l



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