

KELLER GGs

Dry Riesling: Rheinessen's rare jewels



In the south of Rheinessen, the rolling hills around the villages of Flörsheim-Dalsheim and Westhofen are home to some of the finest Riesling vineyards in Germany (which is saying something) and one of the greatest winemakers in the country: Klaus-Peter Keller. Taking over an estate with a track record dating back to 1789 is no easy task but after a degree in oenology and experiences in Burgundy with Hubert Lignier and Armand Rousseau,

Klaus-Peter took the reins of the family winery in 2001. If the winery produces an extensive and highly regarded range of Qualitätswein (ranging from off-dry Kabinetts to luscious TBAs) some of the most sought-after wines at the estate are the Grosses Gewächs (GG) bottlings: an appellation that corresponds to “dry wines from grand cru vineyards”. Keller produces 4 of them: Hubacker, Kirchspiel, Morstein and Abtserde.



Hubacker

Located in the village of Dalsheim, the Hubacker is the oldest family vineyard in the family since 1789. It is the slowest of the four GGs to ripen its yellow limestone soil gives the wine a tension and sharp mineral backbone .

Kirchspiel

This grand cru located in Westhofen lies on hard limestone and veins of quartz which define the character of wine: pure finesse and elegance. The 60 year old vines planted in Keller vineyard give birth to a crystal pure wine of great complexity and precision.

Morstein

The chalky-marl of the Morstein produces a very powerful and structured wine that often requires a few years to reveal its greatness and possesses a stunning longevity.

Abtserde

Westhofen's greatest vineyard (labeled AbtsE) has been praised since the Middle Age and when Burgundian ecclesiastics were keeping for themselves the great wines of Clos Vougeot, the AbtsE production was the private reserve of the archbishops of Worms. The AbtsE is a 4-hectare subsection of the Brunnenhäuschen vineyard (like Clos Ste Hune is part of the Rosacker Grand Cru) and a vein of iron runs through the limestone in the vineyard subsoil giving the wine a stunning depth and exceptional minerality.