
Sorentberg Riesling Rotschiefer

Winery: Sorentberg
Category: Wine – Still – White
Grape Variety: Riesling
Region: Reil/ Mosel/ Germany
Vineyard: Reiler Sorentberg (6.2 acres)
Winery established: Re-cultivated in 2012
Feature: Sustainable
Awards: 91+ Falstaff (2020)



Product Information

Soil: Red Wissenbach-Slate (red slate with shell inclusions) which is unique in the whole Mosel region

Age of vines: planted in 2012

Elevation: around 152 meters (500 feet). Inclination 80 to 110%

Exposure: South

Trellising system: VSP/Guyot.

Vinification: Harvest mid-October to November. Long, spontaneous fermentation in Moselfuder barrels (1,000 liter). Aged afterwards for a minimum of 6 months on the fine lees.

Yield: 1 bottle of Riesling/ vine.

Tasting Note: Falstaff: “Blood orange and tangerine on the nose, floral motifs, candied ginger. On the palate, the wine has drive and tension, fine phenolics fills the smoothly grounded palate, the elegant but also penetrating acid backbone is kept in balance by fine sweetness.”

Alc: 12.0 %

Producer Information

With the replanting of the traditional Reiler Sorentberg vineyard in a side valley on the Middle Moselle at the height of Arras Castle, the two young winegrowers **Tobias Treis** and **Ivan Giovanett** fulfilled a long-awaited dream of growing their own top Riesling in 2011. The single vineyard, forgotten for decades, was revived by the two committed young winegrowers. Tobias Treis and Ivan Giovanett know each other from their time in Geisenheim, where they spent the academic years 2003/2004 together. Today both are active in their parents’ traditional wineries Julius Treis (Reil/Mosel) and Castelfeder (South Tyrol) and share a passion: Riesling. “With cross-border know-how, we have succeeded in breaking new ground and creating an unmistakable top Riesling from the Moselle region,” says Treis.

The Sorentberg is unique with its total area of 9.5 hectares (23.4 acres). Its terroir is an interplay of many factors that result in a remarkable whole: 100 percent southern slope, extreme gradient with an average gradient of 80 to 110 percent. Cool climate, because the mountain lies in a well-ventilated side valley at the Mosel river. Unique soil type: the so-called Wissenbach slate (red slate with shell inclusions), which is unique on the whole Mosel. In the course of the re-cultivation work on the Reiler Sorentberg, 1,000 old vines were discovered in the upper, extremely steep part of the vineyard. After they lay fallow for more than 25 years, they could now be restored with laborious manual work: Every single root true Riesling vine was freed from sprawling thorn bushes and replanted. Almost all the old vines were successfully sprouted in May 2012. Despite extensive research, it has not yet been possible to determine the exact year of planting.