

Wehlener Sonnenuhr Kabinett, Riesling (sweet), Markus Molitor

Mosel, Germany



Product code	KLo8ZZWC
Grapes	Riesling
Country	GERMANY
ABV%	7.5
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	Weingut Markus Molitor
Vintage	2022



Vegan



Vegetarian

MARKUS MOLITOR

Producer

Described as 'The Lord of the 1,000 Rieslings', Markus Molitor took over the responsibility of his parents' 7.5 acre estate in 1984. Vision, drive and an uncompromising devotion to quality have increased the holding to 125 acres in 18 appellations of the steepest and most coveted vineyard sites along the banks of the Mosel. In the spirit of authenticity and terroir, all of these wines are fermented naturally – no cultured yeasts, no fining agents, no enzymes and no other additives are ever used. The bottle capsules are colour coded to give an indication of the style of the wine.

Tasting Notes

Aromas reminiscent of grapefruit, apricot, yellow plum, white pepper and flint stone. Complex, mineral structure with a vibrant acidity, crystal clear. Great aging potential.

Viticulture

The Molitor vineyards are spread out over locations from Brauneberg to Traben-Trarbach and, since 2001, also along the River Saar. The wide regional spread and the associated diversity of the slate soils and microclimates of the vineyards allow the estate to express the varied styles that the Mosel can produce. The winery is based at the centre of the Wehlener Klosterberg site and cultivates vineyards in 15 different sites. The steepest slopes here have a slope of up to 80 % and therefore have to be cultivated by hand. Farming at the estate is organic. Training of the vines is done on tall posts, with the canopy being attached to the posts as it grows during the season. These high walls of leaves ensure the ideal supply of nutrients for fewer grapes per vine and promote the optimum in terms of extract yield and physiological maturity. Depending on the site, plot, density of the plants and the vintage, the harvest volume is 10 - 55 hl/ha. The soils are slate which not only has excellent heat storage properties but is also marked by a very specific, localized mineral composition.

Blueschist, grey shale and Rotliegend are the best known types of slate, while there are also numerous interim forms. The Wehlener Sonnenuhr vineyard site borders on the Zeltinger Sonnenuhr but is much more extensive, and thus more variable in quality. The soil is also very stony, but in sections somewhat deeper. Harvesting is done by hand.

Winemaking

Fermented in old wooden barrels.