

Schieferblume Riesling, Rudolf Trossen

Mosel, Germany



Product code	TNo4ZZWC
Grapes	Riesling
Country	GERMANY
ABV%	10.5
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	Weingut Rudolf Trossen
Vintage	2021



Biodynamic



Organic



Vegan



Vegetarian



Producer

In Rudolf's own words, he feels in "a privileged situation to make a living from 2.5 hectares of vines". His early years as a boy working with his father, spraying the vines with chemicals and fertilisers led to a realisation that there must be another way. Various figures in his life shaped the direction Rudolf took. It was a book by Rudolf Steiner (the founder of the biodynamic approach to agriculture), that marked the beginning of over 40 years in biodynamic viticulture for the Trossen vines. The purity of the Trossen wines, their filigree minerality and energy seem to reflect the abundance of life both above and below the soils in these vineyards. In the winery, Rudolf takes what could be described as a sympathetic approach coaxing his wines through their ferments, some taking over a year. The purus wines are natural, the others have tiny additions of sulphur to avoid losing the vineyard expression in the glass.

Tasting Notes

Aroma of ripe apples and pears, with hints of citrus. Pleasantly light and with a finish marked by the slate.

Viticulture

This family run estate is located in Kinheim on the steeply sided slopes of the Middle Mosel. The soils are weathered grey and blue slate and planted with a lhigh percentage of ungrafted Riesling vines. Trossen turned to biodynamics in 1978, working the plots with the help of biodynamic supplements, minerals and a limited amount of hydrous copper solution to stave off fungal diseases. The climate is continental with warm summers and cold winters. The proximity of the Mosel River acts as a warming element as the sunlight reflects off the water. Schieferblume means "Flower of the Slate" and is a blend from 4 different Riesling vineyards. Harvesting is done by hand.

Winemaking

The Schieferblume 2020 comes mostly from the vineyard "Langfuhr", a single vineyard directly on the Moselle, surrounded by forest, meadows and the river. Only a narrow farm and cycle path on the former track bed of the Moselle railroad leads there, and we enjoy the perfect idyll there. The famous painter William Turner, once sat here and painted the ruins of the Wolfer monastery, which can be seen below.