



## BATTENFELD SPANIER

### ZELLERTAL COLLECTION - CALCAREOUS ORIGIN AUF DEM KALKOFEN RIESLING 2023

94/100

The 2023 Riesling Mölsheim auf dem Kalkofen Erste Lage is from a site that was finally classified as Erste Lage. It's situated between Frauenberg and Schwarzer Herrgott in the cool Zellertal, right next to the Steinlinden parcel where Liquid Earth is made. This will not be released until next year. Youthful exuberance on the nose speaks of crunchy apple that promises as much freshness as ripeness. Subtle smoke trails citrus tones. The palate is pristine, cool, bright, bone-dry and incredibly juicy. This packs immensely beautiful lemon and tangerine notes into a superbly svelte, sleek, well-proportioned body.

VINOUS

18+

Clarion and crisp, with notes of lacy wild herbs, candied lemon. Edgy and linear, this is a tangle of pure chalky limestone and pink-grapefruit finesse. Dry, smoky, juicy. An impossibly complex musical score, where only the melody is audible at this youthful stage.

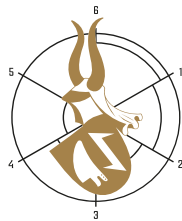
The finish is crisp, strikingly salty and incredibly long. So vibrant and compelling, it's difficult to spit. Immaculate precision here; cellar essential. (PS)

JANCIS ROBINSON

95/100

Complex nose of wild herbs, fresh sage and candied citrus. Very polished and refined on the nose. The medium-bodied, seriously chalky palate. The discreet tannins and mineral acidity underline all this beautifully in the long, silky finish. From a site between the Frauenberg and Schwarzer Herrgott GG sites.

JAMES SUCKLING



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#### HISTORY

The Zellertal's allure as an ancient cultural landscape, one that has seen more than 1,000 years of unbroken cultivation of its vineyards, captured H.O. Spanier's fascination from the start. In the mid-1990s, H.O. Spanier had the vision to recognize the potential of these barren vineyard sites and soon began investing in the region. These wines stand for dry Rieslings from formerly well-known plots with outstanding microclimates and viticultural conditions in line with future challenges, growing at the heart of wild, untouched landscapes of limestone cliffs and vines.

Our style and our idea of Riesling are enjoying ever-increasing international demand. We are very proud that we will now launch the 2023 Auf dem Kalkofen, our second wine, via the Place de Bordeaux. From the very beginning, our idea was to be able to distribute a companion wine to the CO Steinlinden.

#### AUF DEM KALKOFEN

Despite its certified status as an outstanding site, "AUF DEM KALKOFEN" disappeared when the German Wine Law of 1971 was passed, swallowed up into the anonymous Silberberg single site. Starting with the 2023 vintage, we are restoring the identity and visibility of this fantastic parcel.

Kalkofen literally means 'lime kiln' and thus refers to the calcareous soil that was burned (slaked) here centuries ago.

#### TASTE

In recent years, the wines from this vineyard were shining a light on its notably fine and expressive character. A premier cru Riesling, with the clear self-confidence of a Grand Cru.

#### VINIFICATION

Fermentation with wild yeasts and ageing takes place in traditional barrels (1200 litres).



CAPACITY  
0,75 L

ALCOHOL  
12,5 % VOL.

ACIDITY  
7,5 G/L

CLOSURE  
CORK

SWEETNESS  
3,0 G/L

GRAPE VARIETY  
RIESLING

BIO  
✓