

# VDP.GROSSE LAGE ROTHENBERG RIESLING "WURZELECHT" 2023

#### 99/100

The first impression of this Rheinhessen dry riesling masterpiece is of a blast of flint. But that doesn't prepare you for the wild ride that follows as this mineral roller coaster pulls you up and down many times on the medium-bodied palate. I seem to remember Jim Morrison recommending that we ride the snake, and this has an element of that. So delicate in the almost weightless finish.

## JAMES SUCKLING, STUART PIGOTT

## 98/100

The 2023 Riesling Nackenheimer Rothenberg Wurzelecht Grosses Gewächs will not be released until summer 2025. The un-grafted vines were planted in this tiny, east-facing site surrounded by a wall in 1934. Reduction still clouds the nose, while tender iron oxide peeks through shyly. The palate is concentrated and balm-like, with a soothing vein of chamomile and a tisane-like gentleness. There's much power and flow, holding a world of citrus that is still contained and tightly coiled. The essence-like fruit simultaneously tingles with zestiness and soothes with fluidity. This is a precious elixir that really needs time. It's pristine, mysterious and full of promise.

# VINOUS, ANNE KREBIEHL

19.5/20 Weinwisser - highest rated wine 99/100 Wein-Plus 18.5/20 Jancis Robinson (max. score Rheinhessen) 97/100 Yves Beck









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In these wines, the concept of origin is taken to the highest level of quality. They come from world-famous vineyards that produce extraordinary grapes and have been recorded in centuries-old maps. They inimitably reflect the unique character of the site, the special nature of the soil and the great skill of those who have been familiar with the vineyard for many generations.

# HISTORY

The vineyard was first mentioned in 1364, when it was referred to as 'in dem Rode'. This probably refers to the colour of the soil, but it may also be that the slope had just been cleared.

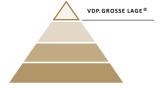
# ORIGIN

Our Rothenberg plot is the last ungrafted vineyard on the Roten Hang. Thanks to its isolated location, the vines, which were planted in the 1930s, were spared from the land consolidation of the 1960s. Perched on a wall above the Rhine, this steepest part of the site was always particularly difficult to cultivate. Located at 90-140 metres, our plot has a slope of up to 120% and is called "Kapellchen". Grown at the top of the slope, the vines benefit from the morning sun and the cool fall winds. With its porous, weathered clay slate soils, the Rothenberg is our oldest ungrafted Riesling vineyard, planted before the laws to protect against the phylloxera catastrophe in the first half of the 20th century.

## **VINIFICATION**

The grapes are strictly selected and harvested by hand, the must ferments spontaneously and is carefully aged in casks. The wines from this iconographic site are extremely limited.





CAPACITY ALCOHOL ACIDITY CLOSURE 0,75 L 12,5 % VOL. 7,5 G/L CORK

SWEETNESS GRAPE VARIETY BIO

1,5 G/L RIESLING