



KÜHLING-GILLOT

VDP.GROSSE LAGE
ÖLBERG RIESLING
2022

96/100 points

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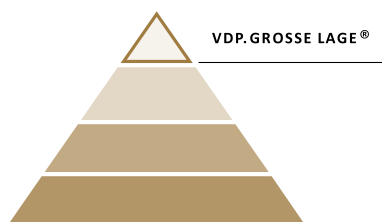
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Many of Germany's oldest vineyards, with centuries of tradition delivering grand wines, bear names with distinctive biblical references or the monasteries that once cultivated them. This is true of the Ölberg as well, although it doesn't hurt that its wines are just as perpetually viscous and rich with ethereal oils as the name suggests. Situated at an elevation of 80-170 meters and gradients up to 65%, with a clear east-west orientation along its center, the Ölberg is our sole purely south-facing site on the Roter Hang. It is strongly fissured by a porous, in some cases outright permeable, surface; its red clayey weathered soils replace the humus layer, working in summer as a warmth reservoir that reliably delivers physiologically ripe fruit. Ölberg wines are powerful yet approachable, with a generous, opulent character. After a meticulous selection, the grapes are hand harvested, the must is wild fermented and then gently vinified in 1,200 liter barrels. Deep shades of gold flow into the glass, revealing a rich perfume. In the nose, the unmistakable wet stone minerality of the Ölberg leaves little room for the caprice of fruit. Citrus, orange oil, mandarin orange and citrus pith mingle with savory nuances of sage and currant leaves. The Ölberg character leans distinctly herbal. Upon first sip, the concentrated palate moves quickly, revealing the fruit enveloped in its rich extracts, coaxing out a silken texture from the linear character of the Ölberg itself. A dense, mineral-rich wine with a velvety texture and ethereal and refreshing finish. Thanks to its viscous mouthfeel, the Ölberg is more than a match for powerful dishes: black olives, fennel, algae or Mediterranean herbs — it's hard to imagine an aroma it won't smile upon. A formidable pairing with grilled octopus or crispy pork belly.



CAPACITY
0,75 L

ALCOHOL
12,5 % VOL.

ACIDITY
7,0 G/L

CLOSURE
CORK

SWEETNESS

GRAPE VARIETY

CONTAINER SIZE

BIO

3,0 G/L

RIESLING

LARGE
WOODEN
BARRELS

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