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Our Rothenberg parcel is the last ungrafted plot on the Roter Hang. Thanks to its isolated position, its vines — first planted in the 1930s — escaped the official plot reallocations of the 1960s. Rising up on a stone wall above the Rhine, this steepest portion of the vineyard has always been extra challenging to cultivate. Our parcels are situated at 70 - 140 meters in elevation, with some portions measuring 120% in gradient, and bear the name Kapellchen. Growing on the tip of the hill gives the vines both morning sun and cool downdraft winds. With its porous, weathered red slate soils, the Rothenberg is our oldest ungrafted Riesling vineyard, planted even before laws to combat the phylloxera catastrophe came into effect in the first half of the 20th century. As such, we seek to link to the historical grandeur of the Rothenberg, whose name (in the form of "in dem Rode") can be found in official documents dating back to 1364. After a meticulous selection, the grapes are hand harvested, the must is wild fermented and then gently vinified in 1,200 liter Stück barrels. Bottles from this iconic site are extremely limited in quantity. Starbright and shimmering in shades of pale yellow, and, when given time in the glass, overflowing with delicate stone fruits suggestive of Mirabelle plum and apricot. Joined by the herbal aromas of green tea and spring kitchen herbs such as chervil and young ginger. The next aromatic wave reveals origin with the unmistakable markers of Rotliegende in the form of white pepper, anise, and rusty steel. The nose is shepherded by the spicy and angular acidity of this thoroughly stony wine. Structure plays the leading role here, drying and full of extract mindful of apricots and grapefruit. The palate starts creamy before giving way to a deep, nuanced complexity, taut grip with uncompromising minerality.





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	1