



# PRINZ VON HESSEN



**Name**                   Johannisberger Klaus Riesling  
VDP.GROSSES GEWÄCHS®  
VDP.Grosse Lage



**Vintage**               2017



**Facts**

Variety	Riesling
Taste	Dry
Quality	Qualitätswein
Alcohol	13 % by vol.
Acidity	7,6 g/l
Residual Sugar	4,5 g/l
Serving Temperature	8 °C bis 10 °C
Country of Origin	Germany
Winegrowing Region	Rheingau
Art. No.	1741
EAN Bottle	4014984015413
EAN Carton	4014984615415



## Tasting Notes

The grapes for this "GG" come from the VDP.GROSSE LAGE® "JOHANNISBERGER KLAUS". The southern-facing slopes sport deep, calciferous loess soil. This rich Riesling is incredibly precise, showing aromas of stone fruit, fresh apples, tropical fruit and mint with a polished minerality. A sophisticated Riesling character on the palate. Gripping, complex and intense.

## Vintage 2017

2017 was a year full of challenges. Mid-April brought on several days of late frost leading to the first damages in our vineyards. At the beginning of August a devastating storm ravaged vineyards throughout the area. Strong winds tore branches from the vines. Hail knocked many bunches of grapes completely off and the remaining bruised ones were subject to rot. We were forced to begin the harvest much earlier than we would have liked. Thanks to our well-trained harvesting staff and strict selection of the grapes, we were able to bring in a small yield but one of superb quality.

## Vinification

The grape harvest ran from the end of September to the end of October. To guarantee wines defined by delicate fruit flavors, we followed an intensive process of poor quality grape removal in the vineyards before harvest. Back at the winery, the grapes were then gently pressed. This wine rests on the lees for about 4 - 5 months. 20 % of this wine is vinified in stainless steel and 80 % matures in the traditional 1200 l large German oak barrel.

## Prinz von Hessen

The wine estate, located in the town of Johannisberg in the small German wine-growing region of the Rheingau, is one of the most significant Riesling producers in Germany. International and domestic recognition reflects the excellence in quality of the wines and sparkling wines. Prinz von Hessen's Riesling grapes flourish in some of the best vineyard sites the Rheingau has to offer, amongst them Klaus in the town of Johannisberg, and Hasensprung and Jesuitengarten in Winkel. 95% of the cultivation is devoted to the Riesling grape.