

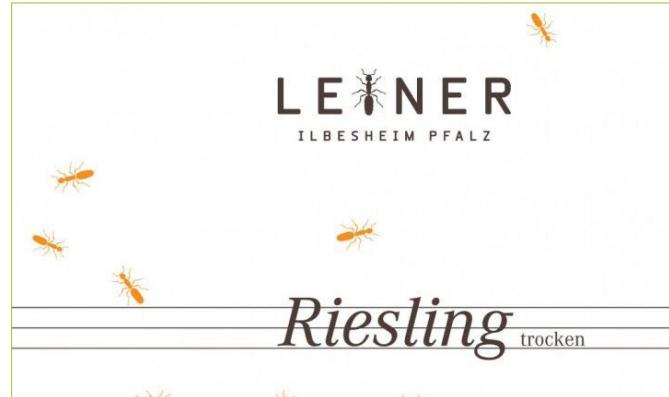


LEINER

Pfalz, Germany

Weingut Jürgen Leiner is located in Ilbesheim in the southern Pfalz, at the edge of the Pfälzerwald (Pfalz forest) and about thirty minutes' drive north of the Alsatian border. They own 16.5 hectares and produce about 120,000 bottles of Riesling, Pinot Noir, and a few other varieties. They are Demeter certified biodynamic and members of Slow Food.

The wines are “natural” but also perfectly clean and pure. Every label has a different insect from the vineyards on the label, a celebration of the life found among the vines. The soils are a complicated geology, generally loess and loam mixed with limestone, but there is a distinct terroir of colored sandstone (bundsandstein) and alluvial mix on the Pinot site and another special soil in the Riesling vineyards with an awesome German name: landschneckenkalk, or literally “land snail chalk.” Again, with the bugs. The Rieslings we are working with are vinified in steel, and the Pinot is aged 9 months in large fuder. The winery ferments with natural yeasts, and experiments with longer lees and skin contact. I have rarely had Pfälzer Rieslings with such dynamic energy and lip-smacking fruit as the Leiners, and the Spätburgunder “Handwerk” is one of the purest, silkiest, most enticingly ripe Pinots I have ever tasted.



Riesling Trocken 2020 12/1L

This crisp, zesty, flavorsome dry Riesling comes from rolling hillside vineyards in the southern Pfalz around Ilbesheim. Most of the soils are loam mixed with a top layer of loess -- a decomposed calcium-rich dust deposited from ancient glaciers. The wine was vinified in steel and offers 7+ grams of acidity and a very slim 4g/l RS. It's practically bone-dry, but the fruit tastes super-ripe thanks to a vintage of generous Pfalz sunshine. Incredible quality in a liter wine and a truly great price--especially for a wine that's certified biodynamic and all estate-grown.

Technical Specifications

SKU: DB3507-19

Product Type: White

Varietal: Riesling

Farming Type: Biodynamic