



# PRINZ VON HESSEN

	<b>Name</b>	WINKELER HASENSPRUNG SPÄTLESE VDP. GROSSE LAGE®
	<b>Vintage</b>	2015
	<b>Variety</b>	Riesling
	<b>Taste Analysis</b>	Noble Sweet
	Alcohol	9,5 % vol.
	Acidity	9,6 g/l
	Residual Sugar	80,8 g/l
	Serving Temperature	8° C to 10° C
	Art. No.	1548



## Tasting Notes

The reputation of the vineyard, "Winkeler Hasensprung," predates the current century. During a visit to the Rheingau in 1841, the esteemed poet, Goethe noted the spectacular character of this vineyard and the wines it produced. The nose of this distinctive Spätlese, opens with juicy pear followed by warm honey and caramel notes. In juxtaposition with this nose, the palate surprises with long lasting, fine yellow fruit aromas closing with tantalizingly bitter-sweet grapefruit.

## Wine Production

The harvest occurred from the end of September to the end of October. Intense, manual selection in the vineyard secured that only the finest grapes were harvested. From the vineyard, the grapes were transported to the winery's press house where they were gently crushed. To preserve the fresh fruit-laden aromas of the Riesling must, the fermentation took place in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks at 16-18 C.

## Vintage 2015

The meteorological year of 2015 was one marked by extremes. The summer heat peaked to records heights, only to be briefly interrupted by cooler days. In September, shortly before the harvest began, a few rainy days surprised the vintners. Thankfully, these subsided quickly, allowing a successful, dry harvest to ensue.

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Based in Johannisberg in the Rheingau, the winery ranks amongst Germany's finest Riesling producers. Numerous accolades, national and international, reflect the extraordinarily high quality of the wines. The Riesling vines are cultivated on the top sites of the Rheingau, among them such prestigious names as Johannisberger Klaus, Winkeler Hasensprung and Winkeler Jesuitengarten. Ninety-five percent of the winery's vineyards are dedicated to the Riesling grape.