



# Weingut Wittmann

This elegant dry Riesling introduces the Wittmann estate style with precision and finesse, showcasing Rheinhessen limestone and biodynamic farming in every sip.



## Riesling Trocken Estate 2023

Rheinhessen, Germany

### Region and Vineyards

Located in Westhofen within Rheinhessen, Weingut Wittmann's vineyards rest on **limestone-rich soils**, a key to the **mineral precision and elegance** of their wines. Rheinhessen, once overlooked, has become a powerhouse of quality Riesling thanks to vignerons like Philipp Wittmann, who champion low yields, **organic and biodynamic viticulture**, and site transparency.

The vineyards for the Estate Riesling are **fully estate-owned** and cultivated according to **biodynamic principles**, a practice Wittmann adopted in the early 2000s. The sites benefit from a **mild continental climate**, tempered by rolling hills that protect vines from harsh weather. With careful canopy management and hand selection, the grapes reach optimal ripeness while retaining natural acidity. This deliberate, vineyard-first approach is the foundation of the wine's focus and purity.

### Winemaking

Philipp Wittmann applies a **low-intervention philosophy** in the cellar, mirroring the thoughtful care in the vineyard. Grapes are **selectively hand-harvested** at ideal ripeness and undergo **gentle pressing** to preserve primary fruit character. Fermentation takes place in **large traditional oak casks** ("Stückfass"), which allow subtle oxygen exchange without imparting overt wood flavors.

The wine is fermented with **natural yeasts**, emphasizing the vineyard signature rather than winemaking imprint. Maturation continues in these neutral barrels on the lees, enhancing texture and integration. The result is a **dry Riesling (Trocken)** that is both youthful and structured, capable of developing further complexity with age.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Pale lemon with a silvery rim, offering visual clarity and brightness.
- **Aroma:** An engaging nose of **lime zest, white peach, crushed herbs, and wet stone**, underpinned by delicate floral notes and a saline lift.
- **Palate:** Sleek and incisive with vibrant **citrus and orchard fruit**, a tactile saltiness from the limestone, and a fine-boned acidity that structures the wine elegantly. Hints of chamomile and fennel add a savory edge to the finish.

Alcohol :12,00 %

Composition: 100% Riesling



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## Did you know?

The Wittmann estate has farmed **biodynamically since 2004**, making it one of Germany's pioneers in ecological viticulture. Their commitment goes beyond certification—each vineyard parcel is cultivated with tailored compost, herbal teas, and handwork, reflecting an **intuitive, holistic philosophy** that shines through in every bottle.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled sea bass with lemon and thyme:** The wine's citrus precision and salinity enhance the delicate flavors of the fish.
- **White asparagus with hollandaise sauce:** A classic German pairing, the herbal and mineral tones of the wine balance the richness of the sauce.
- **Fresh goat cheese with herbs:** The acidity and freshness cut through the creaminess, elevating both the wine and cheese.
- **Vietnamese spring rolls with prawns:** The sleek texture and subtle spice-friendly profile make this a surprising and delightful match.



### Robert Parker (RP) : **92 Points** (2023)

*The 2023 Estate Riesling trocken opens with a remarkable aromatic yet fine and elegant bouquet with tangerine, chalk and sur lie aromas and a discreet salinity in the background. Fresh and very elegant on the palate, this is a medium-bodied, stimulating savory yet also round and finessed Riesling with great purity and excellent quality. This is one of the Best Buys of the vintage when it comes to dry, terroir-driven Rieslings. 12% stated alcohol. Screw-cap closure. Tasted in October 2024.*



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