

Joh Jos Prüm

The Joh. Jos. Prüm Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spätlese 2015 is a classic Mosel Riesling, known for its balance of sweetness and acidity, with a refined mineral depth and a vibrant freshness.



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Alcohol :8,00 %

Composition: 100% Riesling

Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spatlese 2024

Mosel, Germany

Region and Vineyards

This Riesling hails from the **Graacher Himmelreich** vineyard in the **Mosel** appellation, renowned for producing wines with exceptional purity and longevity. The vineyard, whose name translates to “Kingdom of Heaven in the Village of Graach,” faces westward and features gently sloping, grey slate soils. These soils are deeper and slightly less steep than nearby sites like Wehlener Sonnenuhr, which allows them to retain moisture more effectively. This unique terroir, coupled with the cool climate of Mosel, contributes to a vibrant acidity, pronounced minerality, and balanced ripeness in the grapes.

The 2015 vintage experienced a mild winter followed by fluctuating temperatures in spring and early summer, including significant rainfall and a hot spell. Cooler weather arrived in September, which prevented rot and preserved the quality of the grapes. October’s dry and cool conditions provided ideal ripening and harvest conditions, resulting in Rieslings with both ripeness and structure, well-suited for aging.

Winemaking

The **Joh. Jos. Prüm Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spätlese 2015** is made from **100% Riesling**, harvested at optimal ripeness. This wine is primarily fermented in stainless steel tanks using wild yeasts, which preserves the natural acidity and enhances the aromatic complexity of the Riesling. The stainless steel fermentation ensures that the wine retains its freshness, while the choice to avoid oak allows the terroir to shine through without interference. The result is a Riesling with a pure expression of fruit, delicate minerality, and a soft, balanced sweetness.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Pale yellow with a greenish tint, showing youthful vibrancy.
- **Aroma**: Intense notes of ripe stone fruits such as peach and apricot, with underlying hints of citrus zest and floral undertones.
- **Palate**: Medium-bodied with a fine balance of sweetness and acidity, complemented by a smooth, mineral-laden texture. The wine displays flavors of fresh orchard fruits, delicate minerality, and a long, refreshing finish.

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Did You Know?

The **Graacher Himmelreich** vineyard is one of the Mosel Valley's most cherished sites, with a history of producing high-quality Rieslings that can age gracefully for decades. The unique soil composition and cool climate provide an ideal environment for developing Rieslings with both elegance and structure.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Spicy Thai or Indian curry**: The wine's sweetness and acidity balance the heat and complexity of spicy dishes.
- **Roquefort or aged Gouda**: Complements the wine's sweetness and enhances its fruity notes.
- **Pork with apple sauce**: Highlights the stone fruit flavors and adds a touch of freshness to the pairing.
- **Apple tart or fruit-based dessert**: Complements the wine's natural sweetness and fruitiness.

96 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 96 Points (2023)

This great Spatlese from the Graacher Himmelreich has everything we hope for from this famous site: excellent concentration and delicacy on the barely medium-bodied palate, terrific slatey character and a broad spectrum of aromas that range from white flowers and peaches to blackcurrants. Super-stony and precise finish. All of this has a wonderful spring-like freshness that makes it irresistible. Drink or hold.

95

Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2023)

The 2023 Graacher Himmelreich Spätlese is very intense and open on the complex and saline nose that is reminiscent of crushed slate rocks as well as ripe and intense, dense citrus fruit intermingled with lemon aromas. Round and refined on the palate, this is a lively and savory Riesling with a firm, mineral structure and floral flavors on the complex and youthful finish. This is a Spätlese to be aged for at least 5+ years. 8% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine from AP 07 24 in January 2025. At the renowned winery in Wehlen in January, I had to taste not only the last but also the penultimate vintage, i.e., 2023 alongside the 2022. I tasted both vintages one after the other, not side by side—the 2023 before lunch, the 2022 afterwards. I don't have a favorite, even though I had thought in advance that the 2023 vintage would have an easy time against its predecessor. But far from it. The hot and dry 2022s at Prüm turned out exceptionally well, and more than once I saw the 2022 ahead of the 2023, but I can't give a plausible reason for this. In any case, Katharina and her team have produced two great collections in two very different and challenging vintages.(SR)

95 vinous

Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 95 Points (2023)

The 2023 Riesling Graacher Himmelreich Spätlese offers a yeasty aroma with a hint of flint and a slight touch of mint. The palate showcases pure Mirabelle and gentle sweetness, with exquisite delineation and a supple sweetness highlighted by an exquisitely pure lemon tone.(AK)