Pinot Noir `Imperial` Ruppertsberger Pfalz 2023



Region

Pfalz region of southern Germany is warmer than the Mosel and ripens a wider variety of varietals. The region has a long history of wine dating back to Roman times. Its wines tend to be fuller in weight and intensity than most German wine. It is planted with Riesling, Muller Thurgau and increasing amounts of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

Producer

The Ruppertsberg Cooperative is one of the most dynamic in Germany. In the 1980s the growers completely rebuilt their wine cellars and have continuously invested in new equipment. Winemaking in the Mittlehaart goes back to Roman times, they originally planted vines there because the area is one of the warmest winegrowing regions of Germany. The loam and sandstone soils from around Ruppertsberg and up to just above Bad Durkheim are some of the best in the Rhine valley. Great emphasis is put on individual vineyards using cover crops rather than herbicides and harvesting at optimal ripeness in each plot.

Tasting Notes

German Pinot Noir is predominantly drunk in the German domestic market as they are so popular! This cuvee is made from mature vines of 15 to 25 years old, grown on warm, well drained light loam and sand soils. It is fermented at relatively cool temperatures of about 22c and aged in large wooden barrels for about four months. This is a fine example of Pinot Noir, soft and elegant touch of spice and excellent concentration of fruit. Can be served lightly chilled.

Food

Perfect with cold meats, pate and roast chicken.

Technical Information

Country	Germany
Region	Pfalz
Grape(s)	Pinot Noir (100%)
Type	Red
Style	Not Set
Oaked Style	Unoaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable

Dry/Sweet Style	Off dry	
Alcohol Content	13%	
Closure Style	Screw cap	
Organic/Biodynamic	No	
Allergens	**Milk:**	No
	Egg:	No
Vegetarian/Vegan	**Vegetarian:**	Yes
	Vegan:	Yes

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