Spätburgunder Steinkreuz, Weingut Greiner 2021



Region

Baden is the southernmost of Germany `s wine regions. It is primarily a long, slim strip of vineyards nestled between the hills of the Black Forest and the Rhine River; it extends some 400 km from north to south. It runs parallel with Alsace on the other side of the Rhine. The area is the home to made co-operatives and the flatter land is easier for mechanical harvesting. Comprised of nine districts, Baden has many soil types and grape varieties and is mostly covered with grapes from the Pinot family. After the Ice Age the meadow forests on the upper Rhine in Baden were the first that were populated again with the wild vine.

Producer

Owned and run by Maximilian Greiner, this is a special up and coming producer from Baden based in a unique climate in Markgraflerland, which is right on the foothills of Hochblauen, one of the tallest peaks in the southern parts of the Black Forest. Weingut Greiner premiered their first vintage in 2017. Max took over after the death of his father in 2018 and has shaped the vineyards into more organic and biodynamic viticulture as this was his goal for a more sustainable future. The temperate climate in their vineyards from light foehn winds and diverse soil structures, rich in Jurassic limestone and volcanic rock mean nature has provided a perfect base to vinify very fresh, fine and delicate wines, which Max does with a very natural approach.

Tasting Notes

These old vines are based on the Obereggener Sonnenstuck vineyards at a high altitude of 400m, these soils are rich in clays, iron deposits and minerals. Fermentation starts spontaneously in open top fermenters, the must is then pressed off into old and new barriques to age for 24 months. This is a complex Pinot Noir with powerful aromas, fine, well integrated tannins and a long delicate aftertaste.

Food

Rich with a strong minerality, this wine would pair excellently with gamebirds.

Technical Information

Country	Germany
Region	Baden
Grape(s)	Pinot Noir (100%)
Type	Red
Style	Rich
Oaked Style	Lightly oaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-sustainable practices

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry
Alcohol Content	13%
Closure Style	Cork
Organic/Biodynamic	Biodynamic certified
Allergens	**Milk:** No **Egg:** No
Vegetarian/Vegan	**Vegetarian:** Yes **Vegan:** Yes

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