

Weingut Wittmann Offer



This is one of the most exciting wine events in the calendar for us: the release of the GG's (Grosses Gewächs) so please read through to see our 2019 offer. We would also like to use this opportunity to remind you of their full range from their equivalent of 'Village' through to their 1er Crus. We also see the release of the 2018 Spätburgunder .

We have now been lucky to be the agent for the wines of Philipp and his wife Eva for several years and the vintages and wines have been outstanding.

Germany, as you know, has a special place in our company as we were founded in Trier, Germany 146 years ago. With this great heritage comes responsibility and with this we are looking to expand our range once again, Wittman being the first of more to come.

The market has changed over the last decade regarding the styles of wines desired by consumers and thus coming out from Germany with many customers looking for drier styles. Weingut Wittmann is a perfect fit as all the wines we are offering today are dry - their speciality.

GG's represent outstanding value for money in comparison with other prestigious wine regions of the world, predominantly for their ageing potential. The team here at Loeb will be buying a few cases ourselves (if there are any left!), as, according to Philipp, this is one of the best vintages of the last 20 years.

This vintage was a particularly hot one so yields were smaller meaning we have lower volumes to offer.

Please note that we have some 2017 and some 2018 GG's still available in stock.

The Vintage

The harvest started on the 25th September for the Rieslings and finished on the 2nd of October.

According to statistics from the VDP, the harvest was 20% smaller than in 2018 and 6% down on average. However, the quality is excellent so the winery and our team here at Loeb are very happy with the outcome.

The wines are fresher than the 2018 vintage and will have more potential for ageing.

"Thanks to the wonderful late summer, the 2019 grape harvest began much earlier than expected and then proceeded at a rapid pace. Within only 3 weeks the majority of the grapes from Rheinhessen were harvested. The cool nights in August and September helped the grapes to a great aroma with pleasant acid structures. The quality of the vintage gives rise to joy. A small drop of bitterness is certainly the small harvest quantity, but for the VDP winegrowers the quality is always in the foreground anyway!"

Philipp Wittmann

Weingut Wittman

The Wittmann family have been making wine in Westhofen since 1663. With 357 vintages under their belt, the 15th generation, represented nowadays by Philip Wittmann, can rely on an incredible patrimony of experience. Apply such knowledge to a variety of soils and terroirs, combined with organic viticulture (the domain is certified organic since 1990 and biodynamic since 2004) and the results are healthy and balanced vines producing some of the best Rieslings in the world. The Wittmann domain, a member of the VDP association since 1997, comprises 30 hectares of vineyards (75% Riesling), including vines in four Grosse Lagen vineyards around Westhofen. From East to West: Aulerde, a warm site with clay, limestone and argillaceous marl; Kirchspiel, Eastern exposure with limestone and argillaceous marl; Brunnenhäuschen, with clay-marl and calcareous rock & Morstein, calcareous rock with a top soil of argillaceous marl. Weingut Wittmann is, without a doubt, one of the very best domains of Germany.

Please have a look on their website as this is full of maps, photos and information.

<https://www.weingutwittmann.de/en/>



Sadly with Covid-19 we were unable to travel to Germany this year to taste the wines but the winery kindly sent them to us to sample here in the UK instead. They were all tasted by Samuel (SB) and Orlando (OH) in August 2020.

Product Code	Product Description	Size	CASE Price IB
WITTRIESTROCK19B	Wittmann Riesling Trocken 2019	6	£53.00
WITTVOMKAL19B	Wittmann Riesling "Vom Kalkstein" Trocken 2019	6	£69.00
WITTWESTRIES19B	Wittmann Westhofener Riesling Trocken 2019	6	£100.00
WITTWESTRIES19M	Wittmann Westhofener Riesling Trocken 2019 Magnum	3	£110.00
WITTNIERRIES19B	Wittmann Niersteiner Riesling Trocken 2019	6	£98.00
WITTNIERRIES19M	Wittmann Niersteiner Riesling Trocken 2019 Magnum	3	£110.00
WITTAULGG19B	Wittmann Aulerde Riesling Trocken VDP Grosses Gewächs 2019	6	£165.00
WITTAULGG19M	Wittmann Aulerde Riesling Trocken VDP Grosses Gewächs 2019 Magnum	3	£180.00
WITTKIRGG19B	Wittmann Kirchspiel Riesling Trocken VDP Grosses Gewächs 2019	6	£210.00
WITTKIRGG19M	Wittmann Kirchspiel Riesling Trocken VDP Grosses Gewächs 2019 Magnum	3	£225.00
WITTBRUNGG19B	Wittmann Brunnenhäuschen Riesling Trocken VDP Grosses Gewächs 2019	6	£255.00
WITTBRUNGG19M	Wittmann Brunnenhäuschen Riesling Trocken VDP Grosses Gewächs 2019 Magnum	3	£280.00
WITTMORGG19B	Wittmann Morstein Riesling Trocken VDP Grosses Gewächs 2019	6	£250.00
WITTMORGG19M	Wittmann Morstein Riesling Trocken VDP Grosses Gewächs 2019 Magnum	3	£265.00
WITTSPATTRES18B	Wittmann Spätburgunder Reserve Trocken 2018	6	£200.00
WITTLABORNE19B	Wittmann La Borne Alte Reben "Auction" 2019	1	TBC*
*La Borne Price will be released after the Auction on 20th of September			

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Riesling Trocken 2019 - 12% abv



£53.00 IB per 6 bottles - Drinking window 2020 – 2029

Loeb Tasting notes

Wittmann's estate wine. A floral wine with aromas of honeysuckle, white blossom and white peach. The palate is vibrant. Young and zesty with high yet pleasant acidity. Very long on the palate with a saline, mineral finish. Will improve with age but already drinking well. OH

Press Reviews

The 2019 Riesling Trocken is bright, very clear, deep and intense on the precise, reductive and slightly flinty nose. On the palate, this is a juicy, well-concentrated and silky-textured yet firmly structured dry Riesling with lingering salinity and lovely mineral purity. Very long, perfectly round and highly stimulating. 12% alcohol. This is Wittmann's estate wine, and 60,000 bottles were produced, so 30,000 less than in 2018. Tasted in March 2020. Stephan Reinhardt

Robert Parker Wine Advocate – 91 Points

VOM KALKSTEIN Riesling Trocken 2019 - 12.5% abv



£69.00 IB per 6 bottles - Drinking window 2020 – 2029

Loeb Tasting Notes

Like all of Philipp's estate wine the grapes are grown in his own vineyards, cultivated bio-dynamically and tended by hand. Flint, chalk and citrus on the nose with a very juicy palate. Quite salty. Very elegant with great structure and a long ageing potential. In its early development this would be great drunk with cured meats and Marcona almonds. OH

Press Reviews

The 2019 Riesling trocken "vom Kalkstein" is intensely juicy and flinty on the pure and chalky nose. Full-bodied, pure, fresh and elegant on the palate, this is a juicy yet pure, refined, stimulatingly salty and balanced Riesling with a lot of chalky expression. Tasted from AP 2520 in April 2020. Stephan Reinhardt

Robert Parker Wine Advocate – 92 Points

WESTHOFENER Riesling "Aus Ersten Lagen" Trocken 2019 - 12.5% abv



£100.00 IB per 6 bottles / £110.00 IB per 3 Magnums - Drinking Window 2024 – 2036

Loeb Tasting Notes

This represents great value for money as it is being overlooked by the GG's but this 1er Cru offer a lot of complexity and potential for "Garde". Pale lemon with medium + intensity of yellow fruits, peach & ripe red apple. The palate is intense! Lots going on and quite forward. Saline with a zippy, moreish acidity. Dare I say that I could drink it now (2018 was tighter and needed time when we tried it a few weeks ago) but of course it will benefit from a couple of years cellaring and it will keep. SB

Press Reviews

The 2019 Westhofener Riesling "Aus Ersten Lagen" is pure and intense, with a dusty layer of chalk and intensely fruity orange and lemon juice aromas, opening with a pretty distinguished bouquet with remarkable depth and complexity. Intensely juicy and fresh on the palate, this is a pure, citrus-flavored, silky-textured and mouth-filling premier cru (since this year, it is labeled as "1G" like "Erstes Gewächs" or "VDP. Aus Erste Lagen") with a long and complex finish. This is an extraordinary Riesling, and it tastes as if Philipp Wittmann really feels at home here. Fabulous! Tasted as a sample in April 2020. Stephan Reinhardt

Robert Parker Wine Advocate – 92-93 Points

NIERSTEINER Riesling "Aus Ersten Lagen" Trocken 2019 - 12.5% abv



£98.00 IB per 6 bottles / £110.00 IB per 3 Magnums - Drinking Window 2021 – 2031

Grapes are selected from the best 1er Cru vineyard on the Roter Hang.

Loeb Tasting Notes

Not tasted

Press Reviews

The intensely yellow coloured 2019 Niersteiner Riesling "Aus Ersten Lagen" is pure yet intensely aromatic on the almost chalky nose (although this is from a Rotliegendes terroir). Round and silky on the palate, this is a fine and pure yet charmingly elegant and aromatic dry Riesling with delicate acidity and a long, fresh and elegant finish. There are lemon flavours on the pure and finely grippy aftertaste. Tasted as a sample in April 2020. Stephan Reinhardt

Robert Parker Wine Advocate – 91-92 Points

AULERDE G.G Riesling Trocken 2019 - 12.5% abv



£165.00 IB per 6 bottles /£180.00 IB per 3 Magnums - Drinking Window 2021 – 2035

This wine is from the warmest vineyard where the grapes ripen early, located at the bottom of the valley from the Kirchspiel and Morstein sites, it used to be a river bed so it is fossil rich.

Loeb Tasting Notes

The Aulerde site with its south facing hillside is particularly favourable for wine growing and was first mentioned as far back as 1380. It is the warmest Wittman site where grapes ripen early. Much more approachable than some of the other top wines from the estate after so little time in bottle. It also has much more sweetness on both the nose and palate. Fennel and spice aromas with fresh minerality and a very long slightly smoky finish. According to Philipp Wittman this is the best Aulerde he has ever made and at this incredibly cheap price it's one to snap up before it's all gone! OH

Press Reviews

The 2019 Aulerde Riesling GG is enormously chalky and flinty on the rich and spicy yet pure, refreshing, deep and fruity nose. Silky textured, fresh and elegant on the palate, this is a complex, structured, very elegant and juicy but linear and persistently mineral dry Riesling with remarkable purity and tension. The tension and grip of the 2019s offer impressive proof that Wittmann more and more manages to make the Aulerde a real Grosses Gewächs. However, the distance to the exceptional Westhofener 1G is smaller than to the Morstein GG. Stephan Reinhardt

Robert Parker Wine Advocate – 92-93 Points

KIRCHSPIEL G.G Riesling Trocken 2019 - 12.5% abv



£210.00 IB per 6 bottles /£225.00 IB per 3 Magnums - Drinking Window 2023 – 2035

Loeb Tasting Notes

The vineyard is at the top of the hill and therefore has a cooler micro-climate than Aulerde. Cooler nose with depth and power – Herby and green fruits comes to mind with plenty of spices. The palate is bold and firm showing a salty and lemony finish supported by a finely wrought mineral core. OH

Press Reviews

The 2019 Kirchspiel Riesling GG is pure, fresh and spicy as well as coolish on the still yeasty but substantial and complex nose. Lush yet precise and refined on the elegant palate, this is a highly tensioned, grippy and chalky dry Riesling with great finesse, sustainable grip, intensity and stimulating salinity. A great Kirchspiel! Tasted as a sample in April 2020. Stephan Reinhardt

Robert Parker Wine Advocate – 93-94 Points

BRUNNENHÄUSCHEN G.G Riesling Trocken 2019 - 12.5% abv



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£255.00 IB per 6 bottles /£280.00 IB per 3 Magnums - Drinking Window 2024 – 2045

Loeb Tasting Notes

Not tasted

Press Reviews

he 2019 Brunnenhäuschen Riesling GG is beautifully pure, bright and refined on the lime and lemon-scented nose with a coolish and leafy tone. Fascinating! On the palate, this is a silky-textured, highly elegant, refined and complex yet weightless dry Riesling with immense finesse and character. This is a bright yet sustainable and energetic Brunnenhäuschen that will surely make into my cellar! It's chalky Riesling at its very best! Chapeau! Tasted as a sample in April 2020. Stephan Reinhardt

Robert Parker Wine Advocate – 96-97 Points

MORSTEIN G.G Riesling Trocken 2019 - 12.5% abv



£250.00 IB per 6 bottles /£265.00 IB per 3 Magnums - Drinking Window 2021 - 2035

Loeb Tasting Notes

This vineyard was first mentioned in Westhofen, in 1282! South facing, Morstein is situated in the middle of the hill between 180-240 metres above sea level. The soil is heavy clay with limestone deposit & the subsoil is rocky limestone. On first tasting I will be honest and say that you can feel the potential and complexity but the wine was very tight and will need to be re-tasted in a couple of years but as a seasoned taster I can feel the quality even if restrained at the moment. SB

Press Reviews

The 2019 Morstein Riesling GG is open and chalky on the intense, deep, elegant and refined lemon-scented nose. Lush and precise on the palate, this is a refined, enormously energetic and silky-textured dry Riesling with very fine tannins, great tension, finesse and stimulating salinity. Morstein fans shouldn't miss the 2019! Tasted as a sample in April 2020. Stephan Reinhardt

Robert Parker Wine Advocate – 95-96+ Points

SPÄTBURGUNDER Reserve 2018 - 13% abv



£200.00 IB per 6 bottles - Drinking Window 2021 - 2035

Loeb Tasting Notes

Not tasted

Press Reviews

From the Höllenbrand vineyard in Gundersheim, Wittmann's 2018 Spätburgunder Reserve opens with remarkably fine, deep and juicy aromas of cherry and ripe black berry intertwined with toasty and even some (attractive) Port notes. On the palate, this is an intense, full-bodied, well-concentrated and juicy, fresh and firmly structured red with a long, intense, tightly woven and even salty finish. The tannins are ripe, fine and well-integrated into this charmingly intense and concentrated wine. Excellent and very promising. To be bottled in summer and to be released in September this year. Tasted as a sample in March and April 2020. Stephan Reinhardt

Robert Parker Wine Advocate – 90-91 Points

LA BORNE “Alte Reben” Riesling 2019



£TBC (should be around £300IB/£350IB) per 1 bottle – Price release after the Auction on 20th of September

Drinking Window 2025 – 2050

Loeb Tasting Notes

Not tasted

Press Reviews

The first time that we vinified a single vineyard site at the upper edge of the Morstein separately, was the vintage 2009. Only in very good vintages we produce the ALTEN REBEN Riesling. The wine is exclusively available at the VDP auction in Bad Kreuznach. One of our oldest vineyards in the upper MORSTEIN profited by this condition exceptionally because of its altitude. From grapes with small berries and after a late harvest we get a highly complex wine of intensive fruit und minerality. The upper layer of soil is primarily heavy clayish marl interspersed with deposits of limestone. The water-conducting layers of limestone that predominate in the subsoil, ensure that the vines are well supplied with nutrients and minerals. The elderly of Westhofen called this part of the MORSTEIN “Laborne”. If the name comes from the French “la borne” (boundary stone) or from “Born” (fountain), is not definitely clear. Weingut Wittmann

The 2019 Riesling Alte Reben La Borne is, like the Morstein, more dusty than fruity and is as rich and intense as it is pure, limey and stony. Complex, tight and tensioned as well as fresh and vital, with lots of lemon flavours, this is a long-distance runner with remarkable finesse and tension and stimulating salinity. Again, this is a twin of the Morstein yet with the finessed genetics of the Brunnenhäuschen. Tasted as a sample in April 2020. Stephan Reinhardt

Robert Parker Wine Advocate – (95-96) Points



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