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Our wines – Classification

The tradition of demarcating and classifying exceptional vineyards has long been practiced in all significant wine-growing regions of the world. So, too, in the Rheingau. The term “crescentia” was used in the late Middle Ages to denote growths from special sites and highest quality. By the end of the 19th century, the finest Rheingau vineyards had been appraised according to their quality and tax value, and vineyard maps by Friedrich Wilhelm Dünkelberg (1867) and Heinrich Wilhelm Dahlen (1885) depicted this classification.



The classification of our wines is based on this tradition. It defines the quality of a wine according to “terroir,” whereby origin and quality are inherently linked. It consists of four tiers: from **Gutswein** and **Ortswein** (the estate’s proprietary and village wines) to **Erste Lage** (wine from a top site) and **Grosse Lage** (wine from the finest top sites). Dry Rieslings from these four categories do not bear Prädikats. They are reserved for wines with natural, ripe sweetness. As such, we have resumed using the traditional nomenclature as it was used in the Rheingau more than a century ago.



VDP.GUTSWEIN

Good from the ground up

The Gutswein is an ideal entry-level wine in the terroir-driven quality hierarchy of our vineyards. The wines are produced from grapes grown in our estate’s vineyards adjacent to our classified hillside sites.



VDP.ORTSWEIN

Sourced from superior soils

The Ortswein is produced from grapes that are preselected from our best Kiedrich vineyards.



VDP.ERSTE LAGE

First class

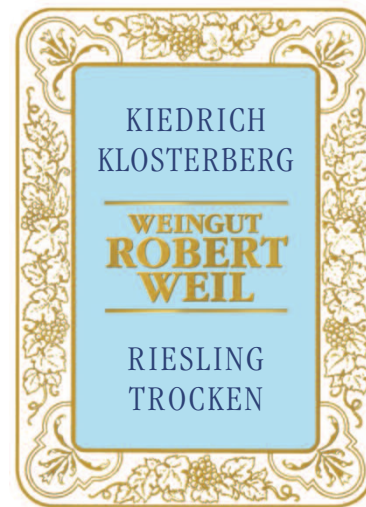
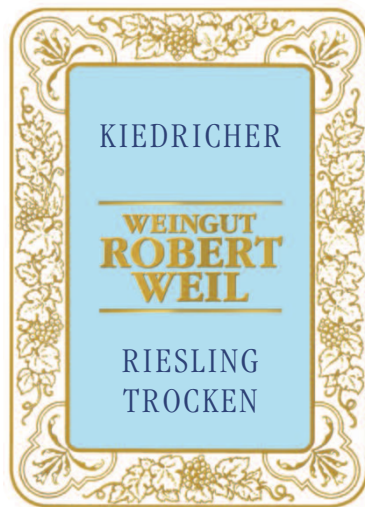
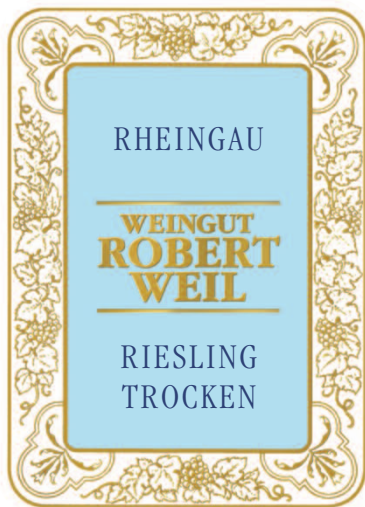
Our Erste Lage vineyards *Kiedrich Klosterberg* and *Kiedrich Turmberg* are marked by their distinctive character and optimal conditions for viticulture. As evidenced over a long period of time, these high-lying, hillside sites bring forth wines of lasting, high quality. Both dry Rieslings and classic Prädikat wines with natural, fruity sweetness are produced from grapes grown in these vineyards.



VDP.GROSSE LAGE

The peak of the pyramid

VDP.Grosse Lage denotes our absolutely finest vineyard, *Kiedrich Gräfenberg*. It is the source of Riesling wines that reflect expressive site-specific characteristics and have exceptional aging potential. In addition to the dry Grosses Gewächs, we produce classic Prädikat wines with natural, fruity sweetness from grapes grown in the Kiedrich Gräfenberg site – wines that have long been highly esteemed in the Rheingau.



GUTSWEIN

corresponding to Domaine

Trocken (Dry) and Tradition (with a hint of fine, natural sweetness)

From vines grown in vineyards adjacent to our top sites *Erste Lagen* and finest top site *Grosse Lage*

Controlled, environmentally sound viticulture

Selective harvest

Yield 65 hl/ha (depending on vintage conditions)

Vinification in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks



ORTSWEIN

corresponding to Village

Pre-selection from our two *Erste Lage* (Klosterberg and Turnberg) and our *Grosse Lage* (Gräfenberg)

Controlled, environmentally sound viticulture

Selective harvest

Yield 60 hl/ha

Vinification in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks, longer (fine) yeast contact



ERSTE LAGE

corresponding to Premier Cru

Southwest-facing hillside site with coloured slate, gneiss, phyllite and gravelly loess

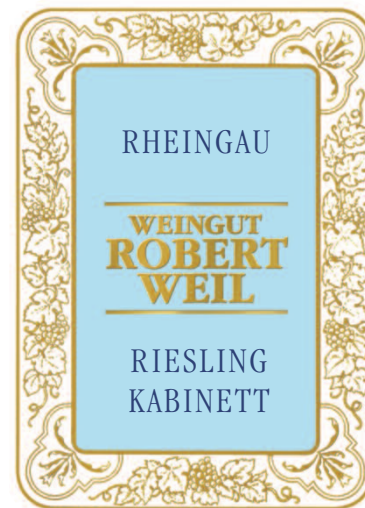
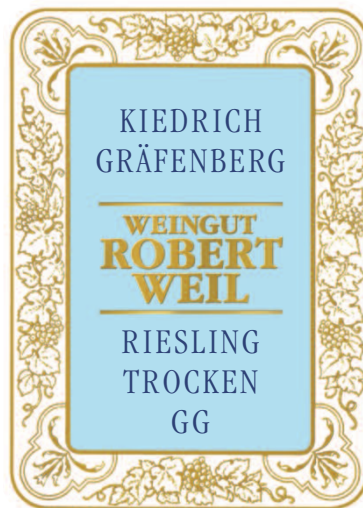
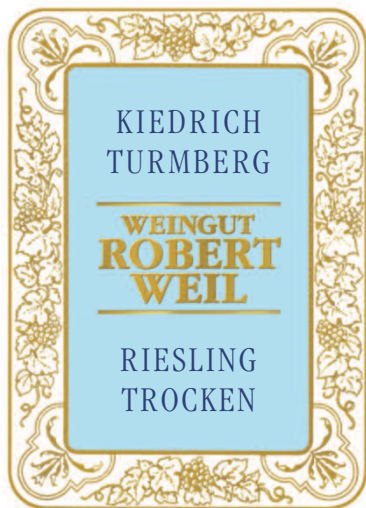
Controlled, environmentally sound viticulture

Selective harvest

Yield 50 l/ha

Skin contact, vinification in traditional oak casks with bâtonnage





ERSTE LAGE

corresponding to Premier Cru

South-southwest-facing hillside site
with stony-gritty phyllite soils

Controlled, environmentally sound viticulture

Selective harvest

Yield 50 hl/ha

Skin contact, vinification in
traditional oak casks with bâtonnage



GROSSE LAGE

corresponding to Grand Cru

Southwest-facing hillside site with phyllite
soils interspersed with loess and loam

Controlled, environmentally sound viticulture

Selective harvest

Yield 40 hl/ha

Lengthy skin contact, vinification in
traditional oak casks with intensive bâtonnage



GUTSWEIN

corresponding to Domaine

Light wine specialty from a northerly terroir,
with a hint of fine, natural sweetness

From vines grown in vineyards adjacent to our top
sites *Erste Lage* and finest top sites *Grosse Lage*

Controlled, environmentally sound viticulture

Selective harvest

Yield 60 hl/ha

Vinification in temperature-controlled
stainless steel tanks





Elegance in the taut play of acidity
and natural fruity sweetness

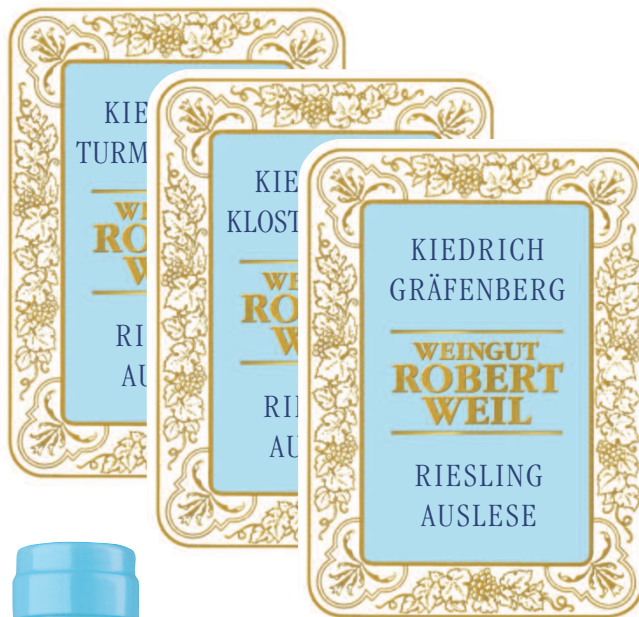
Spätlese is produced from grapes grown in
the Gräfenberg site (*Grosse Lage*) and the
sites Turmberg and Klosterberg (*Erste Lage*)

Controlled, environmentally sound viticulture

Selective harvest

Yield 40 hl/ha

Vinification in temperature-controlled
stainless steel tanks



Rich in substance due to very concentrated aromas and
flavors, with a fine play of acidity and natural sweetness

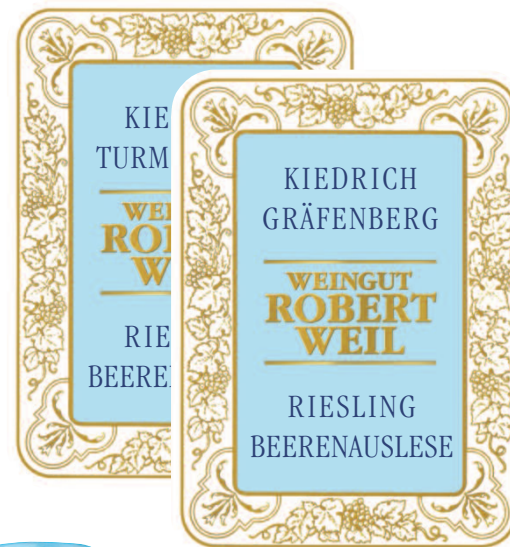
Auslese is produced from grapes grown in
the Gräfenberg site (*Grosse Lage*) and the
sites Turmberg and Klosterberg (*Erste Lage*)

Controlled, environmentally sound viticulture

Selective harvest

Yield 25 hl/ha

Vinification in temperature-controlled
stainless steel tanks



Fine botrytis (noble rot) and lusciously sweet,
very rich in substance due to highly concentrated
aromas and flavors

Beerenauslese is produced from grapes grown
in the Gräfenberg site (*Grosse Lage*) and
Turmberg site (*Erste Lage*)

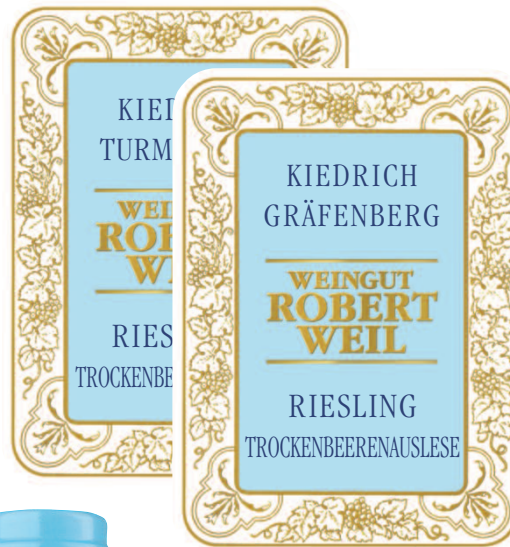
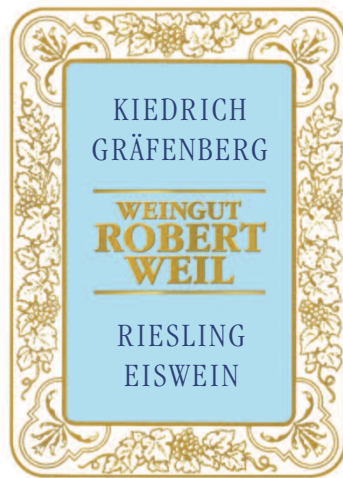
Controlled, environmentally sound viticulture

Selective harvest of very overripe berries

Yield < 10 hl/ha

Vinification in small stainless steel tanks





Concentrated fruit from healthy grapes,
i.e. no botrytis, or noble rot

Eiswein is produced only from grapes grown
in the Gräfenberg site (*Grosse Lage*)

Controlled, environmentally sound viticulture

Frost concentration at temperatures of at least
-8°C/17.6°F

Yield < 10 hl/ha

Vinification in small stainless steel tanks



Finest botrytis (noble rot) and lusciously sweet,
very rich in substance due to highly concentrated
aromas and flavors

Trockenbeerenauslese is produced from grapes
in the Gräfenberg site (*Grosse Lage*) and
Turmberg site (*Erste Lage*)

Controlled, environmentally sound viticulture

Selective harvest of dried-up berries

Yield < 5 hl/ha

Vinification in small stainless steel tanks



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