



Owner Bettina
Bürklin-von Guradze

In 1597, Bernhard Bürklin, town clerk and mayor of Wachenheim, founded Germany's largest privately owned estate, Bürklin-Wolf. The estate is based in the Mittelhaardt, the quality core of Germany's world-renowned Pfalz, located about one hours drive to the north-east of Alsace. Aply, the Pfalz Mittelhaardt is the topographical and geological extension of France's Côte d'Or and Alsace. The Mittelhaardt's best sites are similarly located within a very narrow, sheltered east-facing strip of land.

Since the 2001 vintage Bürklin-Wolf have classified their wines according to the vineyard site (similar to Burgundy) rather than sugar weight (as the 1971 German wine laws dictate). The biodynamic Bürklin-Wolf team, headed by owner Bettina Bürklin and cellar master Fritz Knorr continues to excel, focusing on dry wine and on terroir distinctions. Dramatically distinctive single-site bottlings are produced with an internal ranking of quality rather than use of Pradikat terms or designations as "Grosses Gewachs". The wines are labelled G.C. for the top quality tier of wines and P.C. for the second tier.

2009 Riesling "Estate"

"The Bürklin 2009 Riesling trocken combines subtle creaminess and oiliness of texture with sappy brightness, its resinous herbal, sweetly floral, and piquantly citrus rind-inflected elements offering an impressively-persistent finish both harmoniously soothing and invigoratingly enticing of the next sip."

89 points The Wine Advocate (Feb 11)

2007 Riesling "Rechbachel" P.C.

P.C. wines are produced from yields of less than 55 hl/ha and minimum alcohol of 11.5% from vineyards rated second in Ruppertsberg and first in Wachenheim.

"Features lime, pear, and toasted pumpkin seeds and grains. Juicy and engaging; elegant in its sense of lift and refreshment along with complex interchange of fruit, grain, and mineral, this comes off as a more emphatic, yet more intriguing and no less delicious cousin of the corresponding village-level bottling. Expect it to be worth following for a dozen or more years."

91 points The Wine Advocate (Oct 10)

2007 Riesling "Gaisbohl" G.C.

G.C. wines are produced from yields of less than 45 hl/ha and minimum 12.5% alcohol from vineyards rated first in the villages of Ruppertsberg, Forst and Deidesheim according to the 1828 land tax laws.

"From a Bürklin-Wolf monopole, their 2007 Ruppertsberger Gaisbohl Riesling GC features brown-spiced persimmon and peach, with pronouncedly chewy phenolics, herbal pungency, and fruit pit piquancy carrying into its finish. Fresh lime adds liveliness to this rather plushly-textured Riesling and palpably dense Riesling that ought to a decade or more of cellaring."

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