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## Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spätlese 2018




### Producer

The estate was founded in 1911 in the Mosel region and is one of Germany's most unique white wine producers. Today, Dr. Manfred Prüm and his daughter Katharina Prüm are cultivating 49 acres of top vineyard sites like Wehlener Sonnenuhr, Bernkasteler Badstube, Graacher Himmelreich and Zeltinger Sonnenuhr.

### Vintage Report

Grapes in the Mosel looked picture-perfect at harvest! Volume estimates were satisfying, especially as there had been roughly a third less the previous year. Drought and heat as well as the fear of hailstorms and heavy rain had kept growers anxious. There was indeed rain and the odd thunderstorm in the Middle Mosel but the number one topic everywhere was above all the drought. As in the other regions, vine development was well ahead of the average and picking started as early as August for the early-ripening varieties and mid-September for Riesling. The rain in September, thanks to the cool nights did not lead to rot, increased the yield and contributed to the remarkable harvest volumes. The Mosel wines of 2018 are characterized by their rich aroma, harmonious structure with moderate acidity levels and elegant, juicy fruit.

### Characteristics

-  ripe stone fruits
-  delicate fruit, fine minerality, great depth
-  Asian and Indian dishes, spicy food, dessert wine with cheese

### Facts

- Grape Variety** Riesling
- Terroir/Soil** Graacher Himmelreich ("Kingdom of heaven in the village of Grach) faced more westwards, little less steep and deeper soils than Wehlener Sonnenuhr, weather-beaten grey slate soil with good water reservoirs
- Appellation** Mosel / Germany
- Vinification** Picked by hand; predominantly single pale; fermentation in stainless steel tanks with wild yeast.



<b>Alcohol</b>
8.5 %vol