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Der VDP.eagle grows on Rhein und Moselle rivers The wineries Krone Assmannshausen and Matthias Knebel become VDP.members

Mainz | The wineries Krone (Assmannshausen) and Knebel (Winningen) were admitted to the VDP as new members at the beginning of the year.

VDP. winery Krone, Rheingau

Since 2007, Anja and Tom Drieseberg have been running the traditional company founded in the 17th century. Individuality and a focus on their very own potential play a central role in the wines of the Krone winery. These come from the renowned plots of the world-famous VDP.GROSSE LAGE® HÖLLENBERG in Assmannshausen. Here, where the inclination of the steep slope is almost 60 percent and only manual work is possible, Pinot Noir vines from Burgundy were planted in the 1960s. Paired with the unique terroir, they determine the aroma of the Krone wines, which are then matured in the 60-metre-long natural rock cellar. Clear cassis tones, which unite in the glass with the scent of violets to create a multi-layered bouquet, recall the noble relationship between the two. "Despite" all tradition the wines are counted among the representatives of the new German Pinot generation.

VDP.winery Knebel, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

The Knebel winery cultivates almost seven hectares of vineyards on the steep slopes of the Terrassenmosel. Slate formations from the time of the lower Devonian dominate the characteristics of the wines produced here. "Respect and patience are the two guiding words that symbolize our work," says Matthias Knebel. Respect for a unique cultural landscape and its natural conditions - small parcelled terraces which are exclusively managed by hand. Respect also for a traditional grape variety that transports the influences of its location like no other: The Riesling. Beate and Matthias Knebel see themselves as companions of their wines - companions with an idea, a goal, a sense of style and the necessary patience to allow corners and edges. This allows the peculiarities and characteristics of the Rieslings to unfold - in every plot, every location, every vintage and every barrel.

The admission of new members to the VDP is carried out in accordance with strict testing regulations in order to guarantee a continuously high standard for top wines and estates. Since the introduction of the VDP audit in 1991, 128 new members have been admitted and 92 retired.

The 195 VDP.Prädikatsweingüter... have committed to strict internal quality standards and benchmarks – from the grape to the cellar. The VDP.eagle logo (a stylized eagle bearing a cluster of grapes) on the bottle capsule is the seal of approval for VDP wines. It stands for artisanal wine preparation from excellent vineyards.