
ORIGIN IS EVERYTHING
THE VDP.CLASSIFICATION
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VDP. DIE PRÄDIKATSWEINGÜTER

OUR *VDP.CLASSIFICATION* IS DETERMINED BY A CLEAR GUIDING PRINCIPLE: THE NARROWER THE APPELLATION OF ORIGIN, THE HIGHER THE QUALITY.



* Wines that are fruity and noble sweet bear the traditional Prädikat designations Kabinett, Spätlese, Auslese, Beerenauslese, Trockenbeerenauslese or Eiswein. They are unique specialties in the world of wine. Compared to other countries, Germany's cool climate provides ideal conditions to balance sweetness with pronounced acidity. Off-dry wines are designated as quality wines at all levels.

VDP.GROSSE LAGE®
OUR NON PLUS ULTRA.

The concept of origin is taken to the qualitative extreme in these wines. They often come from world-famous vineyards that consistently produce exceptional grapes. Most of these sites have been documented in centuries-old maps. They express the inimitable character of the vineyard site, the unique soil composition, and the great skill of families who have known and cultivated the vineyard for many generations. VDP.GROSSE LAGE® wines have repeatedly set benchmarks with outstanding quality over many years. VDP.GROSSE LAGE® wines that are dry are called VDP.GROSSES GEWÄCHS® and can be recognised by the GG®-logo on the bottle.



VDP.ERSTE LAGE®
FIRST CLASS.

Wines that are awarded the VDP.ERSTE LAGE® distinction are outstanding, distinctive and have good ageing potential. They come from demarcated vineyard sites and inspire with unique character. We limit ourselves to only a few grape varieties and keep yields low to enhance this unique single-vineyard character. VDP.ERSTE LAGE® wines deliver first-class, individual and impressive taste experiences. VDP.ERSTE LAGE® wines that are dry are called VDP.ERSTES GEWÄCHS® and bear the 1G®-logo on the label.



VDP.ORTSWEIN
INIMITABLE TERROIR.

A VDP.ORTSWEIN comes from the best vineyards within one village. The origin is more narrowly defined here than for a VDP.GUTSWEIN. Because each village has its own unique soil structures and microclimates, one can clearly sense the terroir. Only regionally typical grape varieties are permitted.
A VDP.ORTSWEIN conveys a first impression of our idea of precise origin. These wines are a harbinger for our single-vineyard wines and a veritable insider tip – even when matured.



VDP.GUTSWEIN
SIMPLY GOOD.

The introduction to the world of VDP wines. The high quality standard and inimitable signature of the winery are already evident at this level. You can taste the region where the grapes grow and the tradition in which wines are made. The VDP.Eagle guarantees that all grapes for a VDP.GUTSWEIN come exclusively from vineyards owned and cultivated by the winery. You can be sure of having an authentic wine in front of you – and one that tastes really good.



SPECIAL VINEYARDS – SPECIAL OBLIGATIONS.

The Verband Deutscher Prädikatsweingüter (VDP) is an association of around 200 of the best German wine estates. What unites them, despite all their individualism, is their timeless ideal of handcrafted wines that express unique origins. To achieve this, they work uncompromisingly with deep passion and according to rigorous standards.

The VDP's standards become even stricter as you climb the classification pyramid. The guiding principle of the VDP.Classification is: "the narrower the appellation of origin, the higher the quality". This means that the more exceptional the vineyard is, the higher the quality requirements must be. These demands on quality apply to every VDP.Estate, vintage for vintage – in the vineyard, in the cellar, and in the glass.

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