



Pfalz/Germany

When we started to make wine in the year 2000, our parent's daily life was about fruit and grape production. However, our approach was the very reverse. Steffen began to turn the farm in a 100%-winery. He planted Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot in the sandy, warm soils of Freinsheim and gained first recognition for his wines. Step by step, he managed to purchase or lease premium parcels in the classified sites of the northern *Mittelhaardt*, known for limestone and Terra Rossa soils. Low yields, 100% hand harvest and an organic approach were and still are key principles.

When younger brother Andi came in, after his training at *Wagner-Stempel* in Rheinhessen, they jointly put a strong emphasis on Riesling. Spontaneously fermented, long time on lees and partly aged in traditional, big wooden barrels, the Rieslings put the winery on the map in Germany. In 2015, we became a full member of the VDP, the prestigious *Verband Deutscher Prädikatsweingüter*.

Our biggest love is Pinot Noir, or as we say in Germany: Spätburgunder. We adore the great wines of Burgundy, while not copying them. We grow our Spätburgunder grapes in the cool micro-climate close to the Palatinate Forest on limestone soil. Spontaneously fermented, aged in French oak and unfiltered, we follow our own style: Spätburgunder with elegance, finesse and minerality that are a fingerprint of their Pfalz origin.

Key facts:

- 30 hectares
- Average yield: 4.800 L/ha
- 190.000 bottles
- 35% Spätburgunder, 30% Riesling, 20% Weißburgunder, Grauburgunder & Chardonnay, 15% others, e.g. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, St. Laurent, Portugieser
- Certified Organic (EU-BIO) as of vintage 2017
- For more information please see: www.weingut-rings.de



What others say about us:

Gault Millau Wineguide Germany 2018 - 4 “grapes” (out of 5)

“...The warm, opulent vintage 2015 was a perfect match for their reds, especially for the trend-setting blend *Das Kreuz*. Nevertheless, the same is true for their top-class Pinot Noirs originating from Grand Cru sites. The whites benefit a lot from the vintage 2016, that gave them more profile and elegance than ever before.”

VINUM Wineguide 2018 - 4 stars (out of 5) ★★★★★

“It’s obvious that all their Rieslings have an incredible expression, they are fascinatingly precise and show clear fruit – but not too much. Salty might sound fashionable but this is exactly how the *Steinacker* Riesling tastes as well as the *Saumagen GG*.”

Eichelmann Wineguide 2018 - 4 stars (out of 5) ★★★★★

“Meanwhile, Steffen and Andreas Rings firmly established their winery at the top of Pfalz. Considering their unbroken dynamism, there is still more to expect during the next years. The current collection again supports this assumption; once more the Rieslings, Pinot Noirs, Syrah and red blends are among the best of their kind in Pfalz and beyond.”

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