

MARIENBURG 'FAHRLAY' RESERVE GG – CLEMENS BUSCH

Mosel



APPELLATION: Mosel

BLEND: Riesling (100%)

WINEMAKER: Clemens Busch

VINEYARD: _____

The grapes for this wine come from the famous Marienburg site. It was originally a much smaller parcel that shared the hill with other vineyards; despite the unification of these parcels due to land reforms in 1971, Clemens, conscious of the different soils and micro-climates on the hill, vinifies and bottles his wines based on the original vineyard names. Vines for this wine are 30-70 years old. The name *Fahrlay* is made up of the words “Fahr” for ferry and “Lay” for slate. Blue slate is predominant here, a particularly hard stone that demands much of the vines and forces them to make headway deep in the rock’s crevices in order to be supplied with sufficient water. The wines are particularly mineral-driven and almost salty.

VITICULTURE: _____

Biodynamic, they have been members of Respekt - a group of winemakers who work biodynamically - since 2015. Clemens has long been a pioneer in organic viticulture, abandoning herbicides as early as 1976. In the early 80s his philosophy became more clearly defined as he met other Mosel producers interested in following these methods. At this time, he also started to experiment with lower sulphur levels and although he has made wines with zero sulphur, he thinks the combination of Riesling and the Lower Mosel climate calls for small additions to achieve the best results.

WINEMAKING: _____

The wine is fermented spontaneously with wild yeasts, at low temperatures, in very old 1000-litre barrels. For 24 months, this wine rested on its lees in very old oak barrels before bottling. Apart from small doses of sulphur at bottling, nothing is added to the wines at any stage.

WEBSITE: <http://www.clemens-busch.de>

This wine is suitable for vegans and vegetarians.



TASTING NOTES: _____

A full-bodied Riesling with creamy fruit, herbs and spices on the palate, and an intensely powerful finish. Highly impressive, and expressive of its blue slate terroir.