

## JULIUSSPITAL Würzburg (Franken)

Region:	FRANKEN
Vineyards:	Würzburg (Stein, Abtsleite, Innere Leiste, Pfaffenberg), Iphöfen (Julius-Echter-Berg, Kronsberg), Randersacker (Pfülsen), Escherndorf (Lump)
Varietals:	Silvaner (43%), Riesling (20%), Scheurebe, Pinot varietals
Owner:	foundation
Director:	Horst Kolesch
Winemaker:	Nicolas Frauer and his team
Remarks:	although the 2 <sup>nd</sup> largest wine estate in Germany, dry wines with expressive and individual character, terroir-driven; member of prestigious VDP association

The foundation of Juliusspital, or hospice, was set up in 1576 and endowed by Prince Bishop Julius Echter von Mespelbrunn of Würzburg. From the very beginning, the wine estate belonged to this foundation. The revenues generated by this estate went towards supporting the duties of the foundation dedicated to the common good. The foundation comprises a modern medical clinic with a palliative care unit and a home for the elderly. The *Fürstenbau*, a palace building, designed by the architect Antonio Petrini built in the baroque style with its historical cellar vaults, its garden pavilion and the fountain statues of Jacob van der Auvera, make the Juliusspital a unique monument of art and culture in the heart of the city of Würzburg, in the heart of the Franconian (Franken) wine region.

The Franken wines are traditionally dry and bottled in the Bocksbeutel flacons. Now all the Juliusspital wines are sealed with Stelvin and can be stored standing which avoids the problem of the bottles not fitting into racks.

The Silvaner is their signature varietal, being first introduced in 1659 to the region by the Cistercians monks, coming from Kloster Eberbach. A total of 177 hectares (443 acres) of vines are today cultivated on shell-limestone soils, or earthy gypsum in the Iphofen area. The wines are dry, full-bodied, mineral-driven and low in acidity compared to Riesling, with herbal characteristics, fresh hay or a touch minty.

