Wine Estates in Germany

Georg Albrecht SCHNEIDER Nierstein

Region: RHEINHESSEN

Vineyards: Nierstein (Oelberg, Hipping, Paterberg, Rosenberg, Pettenthal, Bildstock, Findling)

Varietals: Riesling, Pinot Blanc, Gewürztraminer, Dornfelder

Owner: Albrecht and Ulrike Schneider, Ursula & Steffen Müller (2015)

Winemaker: Albrecht Schneider, Steffen Müller (2012+ vintage)

Remarks: a remarkably noteworthy family estate which has been "discovered" by leading wine

writers.

Albrecht Schneider's maxim has always been absolute devotion to his vineyards and wines, whilst marketing was considered less important. The estate has been owned by the Schneider family for 7 generations, and at vintage time, several generations are at work. 15 hectares in Nierstein belong to the estate, over 40% of which are Riesling. Red sandstone soils are predominant in the sites on the Hipping side of the town, facing the river, which yield rich and flavourful wines, whilst limestone is on the other side with the Paterberg slope. The old underground cellars with wooden casks provide ideal conditions for the traditional production methods. 1995 marked a step forward for the estate when more spacious underground cellars and warehousing facilities were purchased in Nierstein.

After cellaring 40 vintages himself at the estate, Albrecht Schneider made an important step for the 2012 vintage with the younger generation at the helm, daughter Ursula with her husband Steffen Müller, a qualified and highly-experienced winemaker with vineyards in Nierstein-Schwabsburg.

Since the vintage 1997, temperature-controlled cold fermentation in stainless-steel vats has been introduced. Albrecht's wines now display even more richness and delicious clear, ripe fruit. They are well-structured with individual and attractive characteristics. The higher predicate wines are mouthfuls of exotic fruit experiences, and even Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese is produced in great vintages.

Apart from a complex dry red Dornfelder, dry Rieslings are also produced with emphasis on reflecting the terroir and soil, such as the vom Kalk (limestone) Riesling from the Paterberg. The stelvin closure has been introduced since the 2007 vintage.



Ursula & Steffen Müller



