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Schnaitmann Simonroth Pinot Noir, Württemberg

£38.95

Vintage: 2012
Bottle Size: 75cl
Alcohol %: 13.50%
Country: Germany

Description:

Cepages: Pinot Noir
Group: Germany
Sub group: Baden
Colour: Red
Closure: Cork

Producer:

Website:

Organic/Bio Status:

Food / cocktail match:

Food / cocktail recipe:

Press

Awards

Other Info:

Württemberg is the fourth-largest wine region in Germany, with almost 28,500 acres (11,500ha) of vineyards. Almost 70 percent of modern Württemberg wines are red, predominantly made from Trollinger, Schwarzriesling and Lemberger. These are not produced to be weighty, powerful cuvees but lighter, fruitier wines. The cool temperatures in this part of the world dictate this style as much as the local consumers, who are accustomed to - and proud of - the idiosyncratic nature of their red wines. That said, more and more winemakers are beginning to make higher-alcohol, more heavily extracted cuvees.

Württemberg

The coat of arms of Württemberg



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While Riesling represents nearly two-thirds of the white wines produced in Wurttemberg, Muller-Thurgau and Kerner are also traditionally grown here. Riesling from the village of Flein (which means "hard pebble", a reflection of the terroir) is particularly well regarded throughout the region, although it has yet to make a name for itself on an international scale. As in Switzerland, the market for Wurttemberg's wines is predominantly local (the region has the highest wine consumption in all of Germany), meaning that very little wine ever makes it on to international or even national markets.

The main viticultural areas of Wurttemberg line the Neckar river valley, and spread up into its tributary valleys including the Rems, Enz, Kocher, Jagst and Tauber. There is also an isolated outcrop of vineyards around Friedrichshafen, on the shores of Bodensee (Lake Constance). The lake is the second largest in Europe, and is located at an altitude of 1295ft (395m) above sea level.

In the north of the region, steep riverside slopes provide the dramatic, if labor-intensive, landscape on which most Wurttemberg vines are grown, making use of sunny, south-facing aspects wherever possible. They are not on the scale of those found in the Mosel, but nevertheless provide a sufficiently impressive landscape to give Wurttemberg a growing wine tourism industry.

With more than 15,000 family-run vineyards contributing to the region's annual crush, co-operatives are responsible for a considerable proportion of the wine produced here.