



# Schloss Johannisberg on La Place de Bordeaux: Two Premium Wines in International Distribution

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Schloss Johannisberg will soon be marketing two premium wines through Le Bureau des Grands Vins on La Place de Bordeaux. From 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024, the Schloss Johannisberg **Riesling Goldlack** and the Schloss Johannisberg **Riesling Orangelack Kabinett** will be available from carefully selected negociants:

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With this step, Schloss Johannisberg is continuing its strategy of introducing its unique premium Rieslings to a wider international audience. The winery is already represented in almost every country worldwide.

"By distributing through La Place de Bordeaux, we want to access new markets and customer groups. Our top Rieslings should be more accessible to lovers and collectors worldwide, and we want to further strengthen our brand. La Place is the right place for us to achieve this," explains estate director Stefan Doktor.



The two Rieslings that will be marketed through La Place de Bordeaux perfectly represent Schloss Johannisberg's uncompromising quality philosophy. They are the pinnacle of German Riesling culture and reflect the unique terroir of Johannisberg as well as the passion of its makers in the vineyard and the cellar.

## Two exquisite wines for connoisseurs and enthusiasts



The **2021 Schloss Johannisberg Riesling Goldlack** represents the top quality of the winery's dry Rieslings. After three very dry years, 2021 turned out to be a great wine year in the Rheingau region, with a satisfactory level of rainfall. This vintage is characterised by its complex and expressive aroma. The nose reveals aromas of Mirabelle plums, dark berries such as blackberries and black currants, complemented by hints of liquorice, herbs, and roasted aromas. On the palate, the wine impresses with its dense and smooth structure, intense minerality, salty notes, and precise spicy acidity. After hand-picking and 48 hours of maceration, the must was gently pressed and fermented in 1,200-litre oak barrels made from the estate's own oak. The wine then aged for 24 months on the lees in the 9-meter-deep Bibliotheca Subterranea at 10.5° Celsius, before being bottled in spring 2024.



The 2023 Schloss Johannisberg Riesling Orangelack Kabinett is at the top of the estate's Kabinett wines. It impresses with excellent flow and a dynamic contrast of vibrant acidity, delicate fruit with its subtle sweetness, and linear coolness. The 2023 vintage benefited from exceptionally warm temperatures, leading to particularly good grape development. The nose is dominated by intense stone fruit aromas such as yellow plum and white peach, accompanied by floral and herbal notes such as orange blossom, lavender, and sage. On the palate, the wine is juicy and complex, with light stone fruit and slight exotic nuances of passion fruit. After hand-picking, the must was gently pressed and fully fermented in stainless steel, then aged on fine lees in a 1,200-litre barrel made from the estate's own oak.

Masterpieces from vineyard and cellar



Stefan Doktor has been managing Schloss Johannisberg as the estate director since 2016. His passion is to produce world-class Rieslings and to let the slopes of Schloss Johannisberg speak through its wines. Stefan Doktor says, "1,200 years of history at Schloss Johannisberg are both inspiration and motivation." He completed his studies at the Austrian Wine Academy as a Weinakademiker with a diploma in Wines and Spirits.

Together with managing director Marcel Szopa, chief oenologist Michel Städter, and cellar master Gerd Ritter, this team is the driving force behind the distinctive quality of the wines. With many years of experience and a deep connection to the region, the team relies on a combination of traditional craftsmanship and modern cellar technology. Every wine from Schloss Johannisberg expresses this commitment and passion for Riesling.

#### A centuries-old tradition

Schloss Johannisberg looks back on over 1,200 years of winemaking history. Located in the heart of the Rheingau, the castle has played a significant role in the development of Riesling. The first varietal Riesling was planted here as early as 1720. The wines from Schloss Johannisberg are the result of this long tradition and the constant pursuit of the highest quality. The fully rounded 50-hectare single vineyard surrounds Schloss Johannisberg in a semicircle and slopes southwards towards the Rhine in terraces. The soil composition is characterised by Taunus quartzite with a layer of fertile loam and loess and a small amount of iron oxide, which gives the soil a reddish hue.

#### **About Schloss Johannisberg**

Schloss Johannisberg in the Rheingau is considered the oldest Riesling winery in the world. The winery combines tradition and craftsmanship with modern viticulture. As a founding member of the VDP, Schloss Johannisberg is one of the most renowned wineries worldwide. The wines of the Riesling specialist can be found in top restaurants around the world.

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