

# Bernhard 2021 Hackenheimer Kirchberg Riesling Spätlese

WineWise Code	GCB-RKS21
Country	Germany
Region	Rheinhessen
Color/Style	White
Farming Practices	Conventional
Varieties	100% Riesling
ABV	8.5
Residual Sugar	65
Acidity	7.2
Case Size	12x750
Pricing	Discountable
Maceration	one night
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation Duration	12 weeks
Aging Method	Stainless Steel
Aging Duration (months)	6 months
Filtered	Yes
Fining Agents	None
Yeast	Cultured
Malolactic	No
Added Sulfur	Yes 64/202
Vineyard Name	Hackenheimer Kirchberg
Soil Type	clay, calcareous, sedimentary
Elevation (meters)	40
Vineyard Aspect	Southeast
Vine Age	26
Yields (hl/ha)	60
Picking	Hand-harvested
Annual Production	29 cases

## Notes on the wine:

This wine is a perennial hit at Bernhard, being the product of a special, small-berried clone of Riesling from 60 year-old vines. The production in 2021 was 75 cases!



## Notes about the producer:

We are well-known as the longtime distributors in California of Terry Theise's incomparable collection of German estates, a role that we continue to embrace and be grateful for. This privilege has resulted in the formation of some of our closest and most enduring relationships. With Terry's blessing, we have been able to import and distribute some additional producers on our own.

This 600 year-old family estate is nominally in the Hessen but its soils, with their complex amalgam of porphyry, quartzite and loam bear more resemblance to the Nahe, which is just over the hill. Hartmut Bernhard, the current proprietor, is an instinctive wine-grower and maker. He knows exactly what he is doing without intellectualising it.