

THE SOURCE

2016 Riesling, Kaseler Nies'chen "Auf den Mauern" Grosses Gewächs

Varietal(s)	Riesling
Region	
Short Summary	
Terroir	The Ruwer wine region is named after the tiny river (but more like a creek) that runs about 30 miles before joining the Mosel River at the old Roman city, Trier. The vineyards are well exposed and steep and surrounding hills help to soften the intense winds from the north and east. In one of the coldest winegrowing regions in Germany, the town of Kasel has an extreme site called Nies'chen whose vineyards are set on compact blue slate and sparse stony topsoil which render complex wines with jewel-like elegance and forceful but fine acidity. Auf den Mauern means “on the walls” and is located above a large retaining wall on some of hill’s the steepest sections. It’s exposure to southern winds inhibits the development of botrytis.
Cellar Notes	The grapes are harvested and macerated on skins in difficult and/or cooler years for 6-12 hours; in the best years there is no maceration. Sulfites are normally added after spontaneous (95% of the time) alcoholic fermentation which takes place in a mix of old small foudre and stainless steel tanks. No malolactic fermentation.
Farming	Sustainable—Organic Certified—Biodynamic Certified—Uncertified Naturalist
Alcohol %	12-12.5
Total SO2	None Added—Very Low—Low—Medium—High