



2018 Winzer von Erbach Riesling Eiswein Kiedricher Sandgrub *Germany - Rheingau*



The vineyard name (Sandgrub) is derived from a sand pit, where sand used to be extracted for construction purposes. The soils here are loess/loess loam with intermediate layers of gravel and sand. Tertiary limestones are a special feature. In the calcareous soils, the tartaric acids are very harmonious.

2018 will go down in history as one of the warmest years ever recorded. A very warm January was followed by a cold February. At the beginning of April, the temperatures rose sharply and reached almost consistently summer to midsummer values until September. During this phase, the situation was exacerbated by the fact that no significant rainfall had fallen since mid-June, putting the vines under enormous stress. Despite the stress of the drought, the plants were in good shape well into autumn. Due to the very fast and early phenological development, the harvest started almost 4 weeks earlier than usual and was completed by the end of September.

Eiswein is a type of dessert wine produced from grapes that have been frozen while still on the vine. The sugars and other dissolved solids do not freeze, but the water does, allowing for a more concentrated grape juice to develop. Eiswein is a potentially drying category due to global warming.

Winzer von Erbach Eiswein is a deep yellow with concentrated and rich aromas and opulent fruit sweetness. A top dessert wine.

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| Vintage | 2018 |
| Appellation | Rheingau |
| Varietal | 100% Riesling |
| Winemaking | Grapes were picked in January at 8 degrees Celsius. It was the night of a blood moon, a total eclipse of the moon. Wine was fermented and aged on its lees for 6 months in stainless steel tank. It was slightly filtered before bottling. |
| Food pairing | Blue cheese, foie gras, French apple cake. |
| Residual sweetness | 216 grams/liter |
| Size | 12/375ml |
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