

CARL LÖEWEN

Maximin Herrenberg

1896. Alte Reben. | 1896. Old vines.

During the heights of the Gründerzeit era, the esteemed winemaker Carl Schmitt-Wagner made a visionary decision: to replant his finest vineyard. With great care and precision, he selected the very best Riesling vines from his estate for the heart of his renowned winery. In 1896, he planted the Maximin Herrenberg with ungrafted Riesling vines, using the traditional method of dense planting at 10,000 vines per hectare.

Even decades earlier, the Prussian vineyard classification of 1868 had identified this exact parcel as belonging to the highest class of Mosel vineyards—a testament to its extraordinary quality.

In the early 20th century, Carl Schmitt-Wagner became an official purveyor to the Imperial Court of Russia, with wines from this very vineyard gracing the tables of the Tsars in St. Petersburg.

Today, the Maximin Herrenberg remains intact in its original planting from 1896. In this scale, it is the oldest ungrafted Riesling vineyard in the world. With the acquisition of the Carl Schmitt-Wagner estate in Longuich, we had the rare opportunity to preserve this living monument of viticultural history.

The Maximin Herrenberg is a south-facing slope with a distinctive terroir of red slate—a rare soil type on the Mosel, which imparts a unique depth and structure to the wines. Aromas of yellow stone fruits and subtle hints of cassis dominate the nose.

The combination of dense vine spacing and venerable vine age amplifies the vineyard's unmistakable character. Yields are naturally low, but the result is a Riesling of remarkable complexity—a seductive interplay of opulence and elegance, rooted in over a century of tradition.

Grape variety	100% Riesling
Quality Level	Qualitätswein
Accolades	Falstaff: 93+ points Vinum Weinguide: 96 points James Suckling: 95 points



Nutrition Facts



Mosel. Riesling