

Our German Grosses Gewachs Offer Classics from Selbach-Oster and Von Buhl



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Weingut Selbach-Oster

2023 Harvest Report

The 2023 vintage at Selbach-Oster was defined by a series of climatic hurdles that tested winegrowers across Europe. The season began with a mild winter followed by a typical spring, leading to budbreak and flowering that occurred slightly later than in 2022, yet remained ahead of the 1961–1990 average. Initial conditions during flowering were excellent, suggesting a bountiful crop.

However, the dry, warm weather of June and July soon brought back memories of the 2022 drought. Rain finally arrived in late July, though the subsequent weeks of wet weather in August became "too much of a good thing". Berries began to swell and burst, which invited fruit flies and rot, necessitating a harvest start that was earlier than planned. A dramatic turnaround occurred in September, which was the warmest and driest since records began in 1881. This weather slowed the spread of rot and allowed the fruit to reach ideal physiological ripeness.

Picking commenced on 11 September with Gewürztraminer and Pinot varieties, moving to a full-team effort by 18 September. The process was a meticulous selection "marathon", as almost every bunch required examination to ensure only healthy fruit reached the cellar. The arrival of cooler temperatures in October eventually allowed for the development of noble rot, resulting in top-class wines with noble sweetness.

While 2023 yielded a smaller production, the quality remains very high. Moving forward, the estate will continue its focus on Riesling while giving more attention to Pinot Noir, including new trials with limestone-grown fruit.

Wine	Case Size	Pre-shipment	Pre-shipment
		IB/bottle	IB/case
Bernkastel Graben GG 2023	6x75	£20.30	£121.80
Graach Domprobst GG 2023	6x75	£20.85	£125.10
Wehlen Sonnenuhr GG 2023	6x75	£21.50	£129.00
Zeltingen Schlossberg GG 2023	6x75	£20.85	£125.10
Zeltingen Sonnenuhr GG 2023	6x75	£21.60	£129.60



Bernkastel Graben GG 2023

Pre-Shipment Price

Bottle: £20.30 IB

Case: £121.80 IB

93 points, Vinous.com

“The 2023 Riesling Bernkasteler Graben GG comes from an old parcel of own-rooted 100-year-old vines. Its peachy, reductive nose flickers with green, reminiscent of lime, chervil and green Seville orange peel. Lithe and luminous, it presents an absolutely citric and tangy aspect with a cooling effect and a serene, bright, clear tone of lemon on the finish.”



Graach Domprobst GG 2023

Pre-Shipment Price

Bottle: £20.85 IB

Case: £125.10 IB

93 points, Vinous.com

“The 2023 Riesling Graacher Domprobst GG, picked just beneath the site's lettering, presents gentle lemon on the nose that opens into smooth freshness on the palate, accompanied by the subtlest oaky creaminess. It flows with serene lemony poise, all supported by a yeasty oaky buffer that ensures a graceful glide. Fresh, serene and elegant.”

Wehlen Sonnenuhr GG 2023

Pre-Shipment Price

Bottle: £21.50 IB

Case: £129.00 IB

94 points, Vinous.com

“The 2023 Riesling Wehlener Sonnenuhr GG starts with a shy nose but reveals a cool touch of wet slate. The palate offers a hint of pepper and pale lemon zest, then dissolves into a harmonious, bright, expansive yet contoured unity of freshness, smoothness and elegance. Understated, with a lingering verve of pepper on the finish.”



Zeltingen Schlossberg GG 2023

Pre-Shipment Price

Bottle: £20.85 IB

Case: £125.10 IB

95 points, Vinous.com

“The 2023 Riesling Zeltinger Schlossberg GG, picked in the exposed Braun parcel, offers seductive hints of peach on the nose. The palate adds creamy smoothness and bright lemon, with a supple texture that anchors it in the soil and hints tantalizingly at creamy peach. Everything is present and will come to the fore. This is delicious and understated.”

Zeltingen Sonnenuhr GG 2023

Pre-Shipment Price

Bottle: £21.60 IB

Case: £129.60 IB

94 points, Vinous.com

“The 2023 Riesling Zeltinger Sonnenuhr GG comes from elevated parcels that completely avoid botrytis. Ripe lemon, earth and crushed chervil create a gentle nose. The palate is smooth and almost soothing with lemony yeast, brightness and a luminous gentleness. A distant but aromatic aspect of green orange peel highlights the long finish.”





Weingut Reichsrat Von Buhl

2024 Harvest Report

The past year in the vineyard was characterized by positive developments, but also some challenges. As is almost traditional in the Palatinate, we were spared a typical cold winter, apart from a two-week period of frost and snow. An unusually warm February was followed by a few warm days in March, which led to our vines sprouting particularly early. They sprouted 2 weeks earlier than last year. In contrast to many fellow winemakers in other wine-growing regions, we were fortunately spared any dangerous late spring frost, giving us a promising start to the season.

Throughout the growing season, the weather was dominated by frequent rainfall, which ensured the water supply to the vines, but posed other challenges for us. Due to the regular rainfall and the resulting constant moisture, plant protection was particularly complex this year and required a great deal of effort and manpower to ensure the health of our vines.

Shortly before the harvest, towards the end of August/beginning of September, temperatures reached 30°C for several days. Even with these temperature changes the start of grape harvest for our prestige sparkling wines was unaffected. We did, however, see a slight change to the year prior, with a delay of about a week.

Autumn was also characterized by frequent rainfall, which initially caused us some concern. Fortunately, a few hours of sunshine during harvest had a surprisingly positive effect on our grapes. Thanks to the sunshine, the grapes were able to develop their aromas and ripeness considerably. Careful selection during harvest was a prerequisite, as always, to ensure that only healthy and fully ripe grapes reached the press house. This strict selection enabled us to achieve a promising quality despite the weather conditions.

Wine	Case Size	Pre-shipment IB/bottle	Pre-shipment IB/case
Ungeheuer GG 2024	6x75	£26.15	£156.90
Pechstein GG 2024	6x75	£34.00	£204.00
Freundstück GG 2024	6x75	£24.50	£147.00
Jesuitengarten GG 2024	6x75	£34.00	£204.00
Kirchenstück GG 2024	6x75	£60.50	£363.00

Terms & Conditions:

This pre-shipment offer ends on the 29th of May. Pricing is quoted in-bond and exclusive of duty and VAT. Wines will be shipped to demand and are expected to land early summer 2026. Delivery is free as part of our usual minimum order. All of our other normal Terms & Conditions apply.



Ungeheuer GG 2024

Pre-Shipment Price

Bottle: £26.15 IB

Case: £156.90 IB

93 points, JamesSuckling.com

"The aromas of peaches and talc pull you into this juicy and generous dry riesling that has a very solid base, but is so well balanced that it gives ample pleasure right now. Long, very harmonious finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."



Pechstein GG

Pre-Shipment Price

Bottle: £34.00 IB

Case: £204.00 IB

92 points, JamesSuckling.com

"The tropical flower aromas stand in abrupt contrast to the firm, quite tannic structure of this compact, medium-bodied wine. Lots of grapefruit pith character in the firm finish. Needs time to harmonize all of this. From organically grown grapes. Best after 2027."



Freundstuck GG

Pre-Shipment Price

Bottle: £24.50 IB

Case: £147.00 IB

92 points, JamesSuckling.com

"The peach chutney, smoke and licorice aromas pull you into this boldly structured GG that's built for the long haul. There's nothing half-hearted about this, but I wonder if a bit more light and fruit would have made for a more exciting wine. From organically grown grapes. Best after 2027."



Jesuitengarten GG

Pre-Shipment Price

Bottle: £34.00 IB

Case: £204.00 IB

93 points, JamesSuckling.com

"Crisp and quite tannic, but with abundant yellow peach and citrus fruit, this is a firmly structured GG that should appeal to those seeking grip. Plenty of depth, but needs some time to fully harmonize the structure. From organically grown grapes. Drinkable now, but best from 2027."



Kirchenstuck GG

Pre-Shipment Price

Bottle: £60.50 IB

Case: £363.00 IB

94 points, JamesSuckling.com

"With its firm structure and licorice and peach chutney flavors, this compact, full-bodied GG makes a bold statement. Serious power in the long, driving finish. Made for the long haul. From organically grown grapes. Drinkable now, but best from 2027."

