



# SALZ DER ERDE

## Riesling

We caught wind of a new project brewing in Rias-Baixas about a few years ago from our friend and colleague Ben Henshaw in the UK. Ben is the proprietor of Indigo Wines and has been creating his own line of custom cuvées from growers he represents from all around the world. For his project in Rias-Baixas, he teamed up with Eulogio Pomares, side hustling from his day job at Zárata, Jamie Goode, wine writer, wine scientist, and wine critic, and Daniel Primack, the importer, and distributor of Zalto wine glasses in the UK. Quite the dream team of talent! We agreed to buy what we could get even before tasting it. Six months later, over lunch in Madrid with José Maria Vicente, we were astounded at how satisfyingly complex and pleasurable this wine proved to be. We even helped secure José Maria an allocation!

Rather than make this project a one-off, the same team worked with Theresa Breuer to create Salz der Erde in 2021. Like Sal da Terra, Salz der Erde is a selection of fruit from two sites with differing terroirs. Each is fermented separately and combined to create something greater than its parts. We eagerly await what “saline” project Ben, Jamie, and Daniel come up with next.

Salz der Erde comes from two vineyards in Lorsch. Sixty percent is from an elevated site in the quartzite-rich slate soils of Kapellenberg, vinified in stainless steel. This provides a mineral, stony, and salty structure to the wine. Forty percent is from Krone, a warmer site with pure slate soils. Krone is vinified in an oak fuder. It's a racy, dry Riesling packed full of pithy citrus fruits, with wonderful textural balance that makes it inviting and very drinkable.

### ORIGIN

*Germany*

### APPELLATION

*Rheingau*

### SOIL

*Slate, quartzite*

### AGE OF VINES

*20*

### ELEVATION

*150-180 meters*

### VARIETIES

*Riesling*

### FARMING

*Sustainable*

### FERMENTATION

*Hand harvested, whole cluster pressing,  
fermentation in tank (Kapellenberg)  
and fuder (Krone)*

### AGING

*10 months on the lees in fuder*

