



COUNTRY

Germany

REGION

Rheingau & Rheinhessen

ESTATE OWNED BY

Stefan & Christian Ress

WINEMAKER

Markus Roll & Stephan Snger

VINEYARDS

Sourced from EU certified organic vineyards in the Rheingau and Rheinhessen

YEAR FOUNDED

This Negociant project started with the 2022 vintage. The Ress Family winery was founded in 1870.

HOME LINK

<https://en.balthasar-ress.de/home>

PRODUCTION

Weissburgunder (Pinot Blanc)
Rheinhessen QbA:
2500 cases
Riesling Trocken Rheingau QbA:
2500 cases

Weinhaus Ress Rheingau

The Ress family winery began in a guesthouse. In 1870, a young butcher named Balthasar opened a guesthouse in the village of Hattenheim. The passion to give guests a memorable experience and a reason to stay has motivated five generations of the Ress family. The winery came naturally, as it tends to in the Rheingau, where vineyards and winemaking are a way of life. What began as a hospitality business rooted in a single village is now one of the most significant estates in the region, a certified VDP member with 50 hectares across the region. Since 2019, this family-owned and operated estate has become the largest EU certified organic producer in Rheingau. Roughly 70% of Balthasar Ress's vineyard holdings are classified at the VDP's two highest tiers – Grosse Lage and Erste Lage – a genuinely exceptional ratio that few estates anywhere in Germany can match.

Representing the 5th generation, Christian took over the estate in 2010. He brought a new level of ambition to the estate's already strong reputation. Under his leadership, the estate began conversion to EU organic viticulture in 2016 and represented a deliberate commitment to the land itself: to working with the natural rhythms of each site rather than overriding them. That philosophy carries directly into the cellar, where it finds its voice in cellarmaster Stephan Snger. Snger describes his approach with characteristic restraint: "As little as possible, as much as necessary." In 2022, Christian included brands like this Ress Family wine label and the Rabbit wines. These two brands come from purchased grapes from respected growers from around the area.

The VDP estate wines are under the Balthasar Ress name, but here we have the Ress family negociant business. Started in 2022, this project aligns with the same philosophy as the estate bottlings: EU certified organic. The benefit of this high-quality project is the ability to source the best grapes, by vintage, from the best growers in the area. They deliver the best wine possible for a great price. The winemaking team utilizes 5 generations of experience and local relationships to ensure both value and quality. The wines are made simply with native yeast. They reflect the classic character of the local terroir; they are vegan and delicious.

"We want to produce the finest, characterful and authentic wines, away from monotonous aromas and uniform tastes. Every single wine should taste like the place where the vine grows. We want to bring out the true character of each wine as naturally as possible." – Stephan Snger, Cellar Master

