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Weingut Joh. Jos. Prüm 2014 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett

"After a very mild winter, budbreak started early, in mid April. Temperatures then cooled, slowing down the growing progress over the next month. Mid May brought warm, summer-like weather conditions and excellent humidity in the soil, which brought a very fast progress in ripening. Flowering was early, at the beginning of June, and the continued hot weather caused the grapes to grow very fast. July was marked by some periods of heavy rain and humidity. August was considerably cooler, with more rain, which slowed down the ripening. Luckily, September brought steadier weather conditions, with slightly higher temperatures than the average. We started picking in early October, but unfortunately the harvest had to be interrupted repeatedly by rain and we had to put extra care into the selection of the grapes. Unlike 2013, which was almost exclusively an Auslese and Goldcapsule Auslese year, 2014 is a return to a classic vintage. We harvested mostly Kabinett and Spätlese, but also some fine "regular" Auslese, while only a few botrytised berries could be selected for higher concentration levels. Early tastings have made clear that this vintage will need longer to open up than the previous vintages."
(Owner/Winemaker Dr. Katharina Prüm)



Wine Region	Mosel / Germany
Grape variety	Riesling
Code no.	JJ8
Terroir	Name of vineyard: Wehlener Sonnenuhr („Sonnenuhr“ literally means sundial) Size: approx. 125 acres Soil: Weather-beaten grey slate Exposure: south-southwest
Vinification	Singe pale. Fermentation in stainless steel tanks with wild yeast.
Analysis	Alcohol: approx. 8.0 % Vol
Ratings	92pts - eRobertParker.com #223/March 16

"The 2014 Riesling Wehlener Sonnenuhr Kabinett is more open than the Graacher Himmelreich (#AP 19) and displays a very delicate bouquet of white fruits intermixed with vegetal and subtle slate aromas. Refined and juicy on the palate, this wine has a perfect balance of a fruity sweetness and a finely racy acidity. This Kabinett is very expressive and complex in its mineral and grippy finish. It is impressively long in the finish, but due to the piquancy and minerality, not due to alcohol that is just 8%."

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