

# Freiherr von Gleichenstein 2015 Spätburgunder Hofgarten Trocken

WineWise Code	GVG-SPH15
Country	Germany
Region	Baden
Subregion	Kaiserstuhl
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	12.5
Acidity	5.6
Residual Sugar	0.8
Closure	Screw-top
Annual cases produced	40,000-50,000
Varieties	100% Spätburgunder
Pumpover or Punchdown?	No
Fermentation vessel	Barrel
Aging method	Used Barrique 100%
Aging duration (months)	12
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	None
Yeast	Spontaneous
Added Sulfur	Yes
Vineyard Name	Hofgarten
Soil Type(s)	Loess, Volcanic
Vineyard Aspect	Northwest
Vine age (years)	20
Vine Yields hl/ha	60
Farming practices	Conventional
Grape Picking	Hand-harvested

## Notes from the producer:

Pinot Noir grapes are filled directly after harvest on conveyors without destemming and crushing in the press. Due to the long press time of 6 to 8 hours. After the must clarification by sedimentation with yeast cultures in a stainless steel tank at a temperature between 15 and 20 ° C. The wines remain in a period of 3-5 months on the wine yeast to achieve a harmony of the wine structure.



## WineWise Notes:

“Hofgarten” is the name that they give to their basic estate-grown wines, though this originates largely from the Eichberg, an important vineyard site with alluvial soils over a volcanic bedrock. Unexpectedly serious for its echelon, it exemplifies the ability of Baden to synthesise Pinot’s twin virtues of unexaggeratedly sweet fruit and soil-transparency. It is like conversing with someone who is both charming and erudite. Perhaps because of the screw-cap closure, the wine is slow to evolve. The 2013 is in a perfect spot now, sweetly and silkily exemplary of its great vintage. The 2015 shows the tremendous promise of another landmark vintage.

This is a 500 year-old estate with monastic origins currently run by the young and dynamic Johannes von Gleichenstein, who impishly calls his top wine “Baron Philipp”, on the grounds that they are a noble family and Philipp is his son’s name. One suspects that he would welcome a lawsuit from the Rothschilds of Bordeaux, with all its attendant publicity! However, even without that, the wines are deserving of attention, offering fidelity to their soils and very good value. We expect to add whites to the two Pinots Noirs we have initially selected.

