Daniel Fries Pinot Noir Brut Nature 2019

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Weingut Daniel Fries

— Mosel, Germany

Krug, Deutz, Mumm, Heidsieck, they all felt the need to go to France to make high quality fizz. Is Daniel (along with Lena Singer Fischer) offering better value by saving the bus-fare?

Production

With high quality, 30 year old Pinot Noir, situated on the windy slopes, 300ft above the valley floor, it would be a surprise if Daniel Fries wasn't producing something fizzy. And it's Daniel Fries ... so you needn't wonder if it's good or not.So ... those very good grapes, whole bunch, wild yeast fermentation in old wooden barrels; 10 months on the lees in those same barrels; a further 48 months in bottle on the lees before disgorgement; zero dosage. Super good wine with a beautifully precise shape, serious depth of flavour and considerable length. Very little to do with the 'common' view of Deutscher Sekt over the past 20 years or so ... this is really serious sparkling wine. We don't have a lot, but there's a bit more than we expected because the Japanese hesitated and we nicked their allocation! 'Not a word, right

Tasting note

A wine with some intriguing contrasts ... there's quite a lot of flavour here but without any sense of fleshiness; there's a lovely airiness at the finish, a surprise counterpoint to the quite precise body; Lively and linear in feel initially, it opens in the glass with an attractive dry leafy/ spicy/ nutty character. Basically, on both nose and palate, it starts quietly and really surprises with the way it builds .... Decanter? We'll report back!

Food Match

I quite like the idea of some slow cooked Pork Belly with this ... Never tried it yet but it feels like it would work?

ABV:
12.00%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Cork

Wine Type:
Sparkling

Category:
Natural

Appellation:
Lower Mosel

Grape Varieties:
Pinot Noir 100%

Suitable for:
No