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Dear Friends of the Estate,

The annual VDP Nahe wine auctions are once again approaching, this time on September 22, 2019 in the Römerhalle in Bad Kreuznach. The long and esteemed history of German wine auctions stretches back to the nineteenth century, when the contents of an entire harvest were sold by the barrel to wine dealers. By the 1960s the auctions had been whittled back to special estate bottlings — typically remarkable bottles from the current vintage or prized estate rarities from the library.

This year we are proud to list the following two outstanding wines from our collection:

the 2018 Grosse Gewächs Oberhäuser Brücke (monopole site) and the 2015 Trockenbeerenauslese Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle (which earned a perfect 100 points from three different publications).

Our auction lot from the 2018 vintage is a Grosses Gewächs from the Oberhäuser Brücke site.

The historic Luitpoldbrücke (Luitpold Bridge), built during the period of Royal Bavarian administration, crosses the Nahe River directly adjacent to the village of Oberhausen. Opposite this bridge sits the small but remarkable Oberhäuser Brücke site, whose special microclimate is shaped by its direct proximity to the river's moderating effects on temperatures. Flowering routinely occurs early here, which translates into a longer growing cycle for the Riesling vines, which are already inherently a late harvest variety. The unique geological formation — a gray slate substrate below a layer of clayey loess — is crucial in ensuring a sufficient water supply for the vines, even in dry years. This forms the basis for concentrated Rieslings of fine structure and tremendous character, all in an elegant and radiant reflection of the ancient stone below. A quintessential Grosses Gewächs: power, brilliance and elegance.

On the auction block:

2018 Oberhäuser Brücke Riesling trocken Grosses Gewächs

420 bottles @ 750 ml: 35.00 EUR
24 bottles @ 1.5L: 70.00 EUR

The second auction wine harkens back to the 2015 vintage.

A stunning Trockenbeerenauslese (TBA) from the famous Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle.

Not every year is suitable for production of Trockenbeerenauslese. Finding a sufficient quantity of dried berries is a true labor of love that can only be achieved in extraordinary vintages with perfect weather conditions. 2015 proved precisely that kind of vintage! The TBA received a perfect 100-point score — not once, not twice but three times (Robert Parker, James Suckling & Gault Millau)!

Stephan Reinhardt of Robert Parker wrote: *"This is rich, highly delicate, concentrated and sweet, but also peppery and piquant, even salty and stimulating. This is nothing less than the perfect TBA and it is still a great drinking pleasure."*





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On the auction block:

2015 Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese "FREITAG"

24 bottles @ 375 ml: 240.00 EUR
6 bottles @ 750 ml: 480.00 EUR
1 bottle @ 1.5 L: 960.00 EUR

Quantities are limited to the amounts listed above.

If you are interested in bidding on these special wines, please consult with one of the approved auction agents or contact us directly. We are open to offers to purchase partial lots and/or individual bottles. Shipping and invoicing can be arranged via the agent or directly through us.

All wines will be open for tasting on the day of the auction in Bad Kreuznach.

Entrance tickets can be purchased through the VDP.Nahe.

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For questions related to the wines and their place at the auction, please feel free to contact us directly. For more information about the auctions in general, the auction process and final auction results, please visit the VDP website at

<https://www.vdp.de/de/vdp/versteigerungen/>

With kind regards from Oberhausen an der Nahe,

Cornelius und Helmut Dönnhoff

