2017 Kirchenstück G.C.

**Vineyard:** Our best vineyard site is located at the foot of the Mittelhaardt mountains and was originally owned by the Diocese Speyer. We own 0.5 ha. It was classified as the best vineyard site the Royal Bavarian Land Classification. No other vineyard produces such complex and elegant Rieslings. Black basalt and the colored sandstone provide minerality and ensure a very long maturation potential.

**Classification:** We have created a quality pyramid for our wines using ratings from the Royal Bavarian Vineyard Classification of 1828. Our quality philosophy is based on the Burgundian “Cru” system. The G.C. and P.C. Rieslings are growing in our most valuable vineyard sites. Below these are the village Rieslings, the Estate Riesling rounds off the quality pyramid.

**Vintage:** An almost Mediterranean year. After a mild winter and a very warm March the budding took place earlier than usual. The summer was warm and extremely dry. Harvest began at the end of August and was finished by September 22nd, as early as never before. The wines are very well structured, opulent and accessible with a great ageing potential.

**Harvest:** Selective handpicking in September 2017 followed by gentle pressing.

**Biodynamics:** Out of respect for our vineyards and their wines we have worked biodynamically since 2005.

**Vinification:** Spontaneous fermentation in large, old oak casks, maturation in the same casks until bottling in December 2019.

**Tasting Note:** Already in its youth it shows the typical Kirchenstück complexity. Multilayered, juicy, dense and characterful with a very elegant texture. Impressive minerality and great ageing potential.

**Analysis:**
- Alcohol: 13.0 % vol.
- Acidity: 6.1 g/l
- Residual Sugar: 2.8 g/l
- Contains sulfites.