

PORTOVINO

SECKINGER 'ZÜGELLOS'

Zügellos and has an umlaut, and could be translated as unbridled. So, yes, we're interested. We're big fans of low alcohol wine, but wines under 12% tend to get lost on us as tasting like citric-acrid water and lemon juice. Not the case here, its 9.5% alcohol has a delicate texture from a natural malolactic fermentation, a wonderfully inviting nose of dried herbs and dried flowers. It a joyous little thing.

And, of course, it fits into the Seckinger style of rakish Pfalz wines grown on mostly red sandstone soils (*buntsandstein*) : bone dry, hazy and savoury.

REGION: Rhineland-Palatinate **GROWING AREA:** Pfalz **FARMING:** From 2017, certified organic and practicing biodynamic **VINEYARD:** 5 Ha in Deidesheim **ALTITUDE:** 170 m / 558 ft **SOILS:** Mostly a mix of yellow and red sandstone, with veins of marl and limestone **VARIETIES:** 70% Muskateller and 30% Weissburgunder

VINE AGE: 15 years old **VINE TRAINING:** Guyot **HARVEST DATE:** end of August **YEASTS:** Native **FERMENTATION & ÉLEVAGE:** Whole cluster; spontaneous free run juice fermentation in 3,000 L German Oak *Doppelstück* for 6 months, without temperature control. No filtration and gravity natural decant **MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION:** Yes, complete and unforced **SULPHUR:** 5 mg/l SO₂ added **ALCOHOL:** 9.5% **ANNUAL PRODUCTION:** 2,500 cases