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Mosel Fine Wines appears on a regular basis and covers:

- Reports on the current vintage (including the annual Auctions held in Trier and Bad Kreuznach).
- Updates on how the wines mature.
- Perspectives on specific topics such as vineyards, Estates, vintages, etc.

All wines reviewed in the Mosel Fine Wines issues are exclusively tasted by us (at the Estates, trade shows, or private tastings) under our sole responsibility.

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Understand Our Tasting Notes

The core of Mosel Fine Wines is to publish independent tasting notes. The particularity of German wines made us adopt a specific structure in order to capture all the information needed for wine lovers to make informed choices based on our tasting notes which we explain below.

2015er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese	13 16	Auction	97
<p>This wine immediately stands out as the airy precision of its elegant nose of white peach, a hint of cassia, herbs and spices is simply mind-boggling. The wine then delivers a gorgeous array of orchard and delicately exotic fruits on the zesty palate and leaves one with an explosion of minerals and herbs in a hauntingly deep and elegant finish. This is an epic effort on par with the best at this Estate. 2025-2055</p>					

1. NOMENCLATURE: For simplicity, consistency, and clarity, we rely on the following to define a wine:

- We stick to the traditional "Village + Vineyard" denomination even for wines from VDP classified vineyards (where only the vineyard name appears on the consumer side of the label).
- We provide the grape variety, except for the few cases of a blend, in which case the blend details will be given in the tasting note.
- No Prädikat in the name means that the wine was bottled as QbA.
- GG stands for "Grosses Gewächs" and EG for "Erstes Gewächs."

You can find more information on how to decipher German wine labels in the article "Deciphering the modern German wine label" [here](#).

2. AP NUMBER: The AP Number is the unique number associated with any lot of German quality wine. We systematically provide this information (actually the last 4 or 5 "meaningful" digits of the AP) as wine growers sometimes differentiate between wines only through this AP Number. You can learn more about AP numbers [here](#). "N.A." means that the AP number was not yet available at the moment of publication and "(No AP)" means that the wine was not given an AP (because it is not bottled as QmP).

3. AUCTION: We add the mention "Auction" for wines sold via the annual Auctions held in September as they are different from the ones sold via traditional channels. You can learn more about the annual Trier wine Auctions and these particularly fine expressions of Riesling [here](#).

4. DRINKING WINDOW: Riesling has a long development cycle and can be enjoyable for 20 years and more. Like other great wines from this world, German Riesling usually goes through a muted phase before reaching maturity. At the end of each tasting note, we therefore provide a drinking window, which refers to our estimation of the maturity period for the wine. This maturity period is based on the following principles:

- It consists of the "fruit" and "terroir" phases as defined in our review of maturing Riesling.
- It does not explicitly mention the additional drinking window for fruity-styled wines which typically lasts for 1-3 years after the vintage.

You can find more about the different maturing phases of Mosel Riesling [here](#).

5. SCORE: The use of scores to evaluate wines has advantages (clearly communicating a perspective) and disadvantages (over-simplifying such a complex matter as wine). We believe the advantages prevail as long as a rating is put into the perspective of a tasting note. Here our principles:

- Scale:** We rely on a 100-point scale with the following overall principles:

95-100	Classic: A true classic that sets the standards for its style and terroir. Only few wines make it into this "super-class" of Riesling and no stone should be left unturned to find them.
90-94	Outstanding: Stands out as distinctive example of its style and terroir. It will offer immense pleasure and should be actively looked out for.
85-89	Good to very good: Is a good to very good wine with special qualities. It will be delicious and is worthy of any cellar, especially if the price is right.
80-84	Solid to good: Is technically correctly made and will be enjoyable in its simple solid way. Price is the key driver for the decision to buy.
Below 80	Not worth it: Does not show any distinction and may even have some flaws. Given the currently still quite reasonable price level for Mosel Riesling, there is no reason to bother.

- Assessment:** We evaluate complexity, balance, and elegance ("more is not better") as well as respect of terroir and style (a great Kabinett will get a higher score than an average Spätlese). If the actual style does not match that on the label (say a Spätlese bottled as Kabinett), we will make a remark about its true style in the tasting note and review the wine according to its actual style (in the example as "the Spätlese it is").
- Timing:** Our ratings for young wines refer to the expected quality of the wine at maturity (i.e. during its drinking window) and not at moment of tasting.
- Firm Scores vs. Score Ranges:** Bottled wines get firm scores. Score ranges indicate tasting notes based on cask samples.

The principles above cover the basics. We remain at your disposal under info@moselfinewines.com should there be a question.



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In Memoriam: Wilhelm Haag (Weingut Fritz Haag)



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It is with immense sadness that we learned that Wilhelm Haag, the legendary grower behind Weingut Fritz Haag, died just before Christmas 2020

The legendary status of Wilhelm Haag was already well established long before we started our ventures into the beautiful world of Riesling. His Estate, Weingut Fritz Haag, which he was in charge of since the late 1950s, was among the finest in Germany. His achievements were revered the world over. A bottle of Fritz Haag promised a shiver of guilty zesty pleasure, electrifying precision, and juiciness like few others.

But behind the awe-inspiring legend, we found a truly remarkable personality who grew to become more than a "mere" wine grower on which we write. Passed the pain of his firm handshake (for which he was truly famous!), we met an essentially youthful person, full of interest, passion, with an incomparable and contagious laughter. It was not possible not to fall for his charm and sparkling witty eyes.

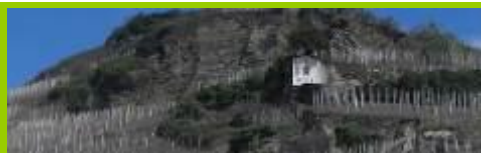
We remember in particular an afternoon which we spent with him when we were doing some background research on the Fritz Haag Estate a decade or so ago. Besides the laughter and banter, we discovered another facet of Wilhelm Haag. He had to take on his Estate at a tender age. The Estate also did go through rough times in the 1970s. Life was not always easy. He did not shy away from telling things as they were.

He was also a man of foresight and organization. Back in 2002, when he retired, he made sure that the holdings of the Fritz Haag Estate were equally spread between his two sons, Thomas Haag (who had taken over the Schloss Lieser Estate only a few years earlier), and Oliver Haag, now at the helm of the Fritz Haag Estate. He wanted fairness and clarity. Over the years, he kept a watchful eye on both his sons. He once commented: "I'm proud of them!" Which was his way of saying: I did what I should have done.

So, in every aspect, the Mosel and the world of fine wine lost one of its truly greats. Our thoughts are with the Haag family and Wilhelm's many friends around the world.

RIP, Wilhelm.

Jean and David



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List of Estates and Quick Links

An alphabetic overview (based on last names) of the Estates covered in this Issue with an indication in which section(s) they appear:

Estate	Section of the Issue 55				
	2019 Overview	2019 Highlights	Kabinett	Vineyard Names	Koehler-Ruprecht Vertical
A.J. Adam	Link	Dry Riesling Off-Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Bastgen		Dry Riesling Spätlese			
Erben von Beulwitz		Off-Dry Riesling			
Jan-Philipp Bleeke		Off-Dry Riesling			
Blees-Ferber		Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Richard Böcking	Link	Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese			
Bollig	Link	Dry Riesling Off-Dry Riesling Kabinett			
Peter Burens		Kabinett			
Clemens Busch	Link	Dry Riesling Off-Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Cantzheim		Off-Dry Riesling Spätlese			
Joh. Jos. Christoffel Erben		Kabinett			
Clüsserath-Eifel		Spätlese			
Falkenstein	Link	Dry Riesling Off-Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Fio		Dry Riesling Kabinett			
Reinhold Franzen		Dry Riesling Off-Dry Riesling			
Geltz-Zilliken		Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Albert Gessinger		Noble-Sweet			
Fritz Haag	Link	Dry Riesling Off-Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			

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Julian Haart		Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Reinhold Haart		Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese			
Heinrichshof		Noble-Sweet			
Dr. Hermann		Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Heymann-Löwenstein		Dry Riesling Noble-Sweet			
von Hövel		Spätlese			
Immich-Batterieberg		Dry Riesling Off-Dry Riesling Noble-Sweet			
Kees-Kieren		Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Keller		Kabinett Noble-Sweet			
Kerpen		Spätlese			
von Kesselstatt		Noble-Sweet			
Lothar Kettern		Kabinett Spätlese			
Kilburg	Link	Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese			
Knebel		Dry Riesling Noble-Sweet			
Gebrüder Knebel		Dry Riesling			
Koehler-Ruprecht					Link
Peter Lauer		Dry Riesling Off-Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese			
Le Gallais		Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Schloss Lieser		Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Loersch	Link	Dry Riesling Off-Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			

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Carl Loewen	Link	Dry Riesling Off-Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Dr. Loosen		Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Hermann Ludes	Link	Off-Dry Riesling Spätlese			
Madame Flöck		Dry Riesling			
Maximin Grünhaus	Link	Dry Riesling Off-Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Alfred Merkelbach		Kabinett Noble-Sweet			
Mönchhof		Kabinett			
Egon Müller		Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Stefan Müller		Dry Riesling Off-Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese			
Peter Neu-Erben		Kabinett			
von Othegraven		Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Paulinshof		Dry Riesling			
Dr. Pauly-Bergweiler		Spätlese			
Joh. Jos. Prüm		Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
S.A. Prüm		Dry Riesling			
F.J. Regnery		Off-Dry Riesling			
Max Ferd. Richter	Link	Dry Riesling Off-Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Schloss Saarstein		Noble-Sweet			
Willi Schaefer		Off-Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			

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Andreas Schmitges		Off-Dry Riesling			
Selbach-Oster		Dry Riesling Off-Dry Riesling Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Später-Veit		Dry Riesling Kabinett			
Staffelter-Hof		Spätlese			
Stein		Dry Riesling Off-Dry Riesling			
Günther Steinmetz	Link	Dry Riesling Off-Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Wolfram Stempel		Dry Riesling			
Wwe Dr. H. Thanisch – Erben Thanisch		Off-Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Trös-Heimes		Dry Riesling			
Van Volxem		Dry Riesling Kabinett			
Vollenweider		Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Dr. Wagner		Off-Dry Riesling Kabinett			
Wegeler		Noble-Sweet			
Nik Weis – St. Urbans-Hof		Kabinett Spätlese			
Weiser-Künstler	Link	Dry Riesling Off-Dry Riesling Kabinett Spätlese Noble-Sweet			
Willems-Willems		Kabinett			



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2019 Mosel Vintage – Conclusions

After having tasted over 1,500 wines, many several times, we have a look-back at the truly remarkable 2019 vintage and put forward the highlights of the vintage.



2019 Mosel Vintage – Epic ... at the Top

Readers were already getting more than a hint back in last January: 2019 had all the hallmarks to be one of the most remarkable vintages of its generation. 1,500 wines later, our early assessment has been largely met. At its best, 2019 combines aromatic purity, brightness, vibrancy, and elegance of the finest Mosel vintages. Some modern-day legends were produced in 2019 which will be treasured by lovers all over the world for many decades. However, as so many modern vintages, also 2019 has a warm sundrenched core and it required quite some attention. Essentially, growers who defoliated hard (a normal practice inherited from the cooler vintages of the 1990s and 2000s) were at high risk of developing notes of camphor, cardamom, and licorice which will eventually turn into petrol with aging.

What proves remarkable about 2019 is that it allowed to produce stunning wines, many of which we rated with near-perfect or perfect scores, in all stylistic directions. The dry wines are precise, alluring, and focused at their best. The best off-dry wines playful, transparent, and elegant. 2019 yielded the finest set of Kabinett wines, this almost unique specialty of the Mosel, in many years. Also, the finest Spätlese have a precision and elegance not found here possibly since the 1990s. Finally, the greatest noble-sweet wines can only put a huge smile to lovers of the genre. A few wines even proved sheer perfection and several are on the best way to achieve this at maturity.

The universality of the 2019 vintage is best underlined by the huge number of Estates which were able to land highlights in ALL stylistic directions, from dry to noble-sweet. In 2019, A.J. Adam, Clemens Busch, Falkenstein, Fritz Haag, Loersch, Carl Loewen, Maximin Grünhaus, Max Ferd. Richter, Günther Steinmetz, and Weiser-Künstler all managed this tour de force.

Two Estates however managed to combine this universality with a great number of highlights as well as crafting some wine perfection: Fritz Haag and Clemens Busch. Both Estates outdid themselves in this vintage and are true highlight Estates of the vintage! The still comparatively unknown Loersch Estate also deserves to be highlighted for its incredible performance!

But, as you will read, what really defines the greatness of the 2019 vintage is the depth of quality achieved. Besides the usual grand names, also some lesser-known Estates shone through. In particular, Richard Böcking, Bollig, and Hermann Ludes managed to land highlights in several stylistic directions.

All in all, the 2019 vintage proves an embarrassment of the riches and Mosel lovers are well advised to continue to pile up on their favorite style from the leading growers. These wines will be the legends of tomorrow.

Happy hunting!



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2019 Mosel Vintage – Dry Riesling Highlights

2019 DRY RIESLING | PRESENCE, PURITY, AND PRECISION

On paper, 2019 did not seem ideal for dry wines. The dry and sunny summer made for quite ripe grapes with potential flavors of camphor and cardamon (precursors of petrol), rain in the autumn led to some botrytis and made selections that little bit more difficult. Acidity levels remained firm.

And indeed, the vintage was all but homogeneous. Simply put, those growers who defoliate their vines too early and waited for high sugar levels before harvesting produced some big and bold dry wines with often a heat issue (a result of too high alcohol) and a non-fully dry tasting profile on the palate. But this issue is a general one and not only one in 2019.

So much for the bad news. On to the good news: At the top, those growers who have started to master the challenges posed by climate change produced some truly remarkable dry Riesling in 2019. At their best, these wines show a sense of presence, purity, and precision rarely found so far in the Mosel. Also, increasingly, as we reported in our dry German Riesling report published in the Mosel Fine Wines Issue 54 (Oct 2020), the Mosel has, once again, proven one of the finest sources for dry Riesling in Germany.



2019 is a grower's vintage when speaking about dry Riesling. This is best underlined by the fact that many growers landed much of their top dry wines in our list of highlights. This is particularly so at Clemens Busch, Fritz Haag, Dr. Loosen, Max Ferd. Richter, and Van Volxem, who all landed more than five wines each.

The finest wines, all modern-day classics in making come from A. J. Adam, Clemens Busch (whose yet to be released 2019er Pündericher Marienberg Fahrlay GG is the dry Riesling of the vintage), Fritz Haag, Schloss Lieser, and Selbach-Oster. Most usual suspects did also deliver handsomely.

Things are also moving fast in the Mosel and some young talented growers are now producing great dry Riesling among the finest of the region. In particular, the still-little known Knebel Brüder in Winningen produced one of the finest dry Riesling from the region (see our article on "Natural Mosel" published in the Issue No 50 in January 2020 for some information on this remarkable venture). But also, Ulli Stein at Wein-Erbhof Stein, a grower probably better known outside of Germany, produced some remarkable dry wines.

There is much to like at the top in 2019 as the wines are elegant and animating. Our long list of highlights amply confirms this. So, with a little bit of guidance (i.e., read our reports), there is pure Riesling joy out there.

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2019 DRY RIESLING | LIST OF VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

We provide here our list (ranked alphabetically by Estate) of dry Riesling highlights from the 2019 vintage:

2019er	A.J. Adam	Dhroner Häs'chen Riesling Trocken	07 20		94+
2019er	A.J. Adam	Dhroner Hofberg Riesling Trocken	08 20		92
2019er	A.J. Adam	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Trocken	09 20		92
2019er	Bastgen	Kestener Paulinshofer Riesling Trocken GG	13 20	Auction	(91-93)
2019er	Richard Böcking	Trarbacher Unger Riesling	06 20		92
2019er	Bollig	Riesling Spätlese Trocken Urgestein	05 20		92
2019er	Clemens Busch	Pündericher Marienburg Riesling Trocken GG	30 20		92+
2019er	Clemens Busch	Pündericher Marienburg Fahrley Riesling Trocken GG	34 20		96
2019er	Clemens Busch	Pündericher Marienburg Fahrley Terrassen Riesling Trocken GG	36 20		95+
2019er	Clemens Busch	Pündericher Marienburg Falkenlay Riesling Trocken GG	35 20		93+
2019er	Clemens Busch	Pündericher Marienburg Rothenpfad Riesling Trocken GG	31 20		93
2019er	Clemens Busch	Pündericher Riesling Trocken vom grauen Schiefer	27 20		92
2019er	Clüsserath-Eifel	Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Trocken Fährfels GG	05 20	Auction	93
2019er	Falkenstein	Krettnacher Altenberg Riesling Spätlese Trocken	07 20		92
2019er	Falkenstein	Krettnacher Ober Schäfershaus Riesling Spätlese Trocken	18 20		93
2019er	Falkenstein	Niedermenniger Herrenberg Riesling Kabinett Trocken Egon	19 20		92
2019er	Falkenstein	Niedermenniger Sonnenberg Riesling Kabinett Trocken Munny	09 20		92
2019er	Fio	JoJo "Orange Juice"	(No AP)		92
2019er	Fio	Piesporter Falkenberg Riesling Trocken	05 20		(92-95)
2019er	Reinhold Franzen	Riesling Der Sommer war sehr gross	07 20		92
2019er	Geltz-Zilliken	Saarburger Riesling Trocken Alte Reben	12 20		92
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Riesling Trocken J	17 20		92
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Trocken GG	24 20		95
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr "im Falkenberg" Riesling Trocken GG	11 20	Auction	93+
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Trocken GG	08 20		94
2019er	Fritz Haag	Kestener Paulinshofer Riesling Trocken GG	27 20		93
2019er	Julian Haart	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling	15 20		93
2019er	Julian Haart	Wintricher Ohligsberg Riesling	14 20		94
2019er	Reinhold Haart	Wintricher Ohligsberg Riesling Trocken GG	40 20		94
2019er	Heymann-Löwenstein	Hatzenporter Kirchberg Riesling Trocken GG	14 20		93
2019er	Heymann-Löwenstein	Uhlen Blaufüsser Lay Riesling Trocken GG	17 20		93
2019er	Heymann-Löwenstein	Uhlen Laubach Riesling Trocken GG	18 20		93
2019er	Heymann-Löwenstein	Winniger Röttgen Riesling Trocken GG	16 20		93
2019er	Immich-Batterieberg	Enkircher Riesling Escheburg	02 20		92
2019er	Immich-Batterieberg	Trabener Zoltturm Riesling	07 20		93+
2019er	Kilburg	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Trocken	42 20		92
2019er	Kilburg	Wintricher Ohligsberg Riesling Trocken	41 20		92+
2019er	Knebel	Winniger Röttgen Riesling GG	12 20		92
2019er	Knebel	Winniger Uhlen Riesling GG	13 20		94
2019er	Knebel Brüder	Uhlen Roth Lay Riesling	11 20		93+

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2019er	Peter Lauer	Ayler Kupp Riesling Trocken Fass 18 GG	18 20	93
2019er	Peter Lauer	Ayler Schonfels Riesling Trocken Fass 11 GG	11 20	93
2019er	Peter Lauer	Biebelhausener Feils Riesling Trocken Fass 13 GG	13 20	93
2019er	Schloss Lieser	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Trocken GG	31 20	96
2019er	Schloss Lieser	Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Trocken GG	29 20	95
2019er	Schloss Lieser	Lieserer Niederberg Helden Riesling Trocken GG	30 20	92+
2019er	Schloss Lieser	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Trocken GG	33 20	93
2019er	Loersch	Trittenheimer Altärchen Riesling Kabinett Trocken	15 20	92
2019er	Loersch	Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Trocken Devon-Terrassen GG	18 20	92
2019er	Loersch	Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Trocken Vogelsang	17 20	92
2019er	Carl Loewen	Longuicher Maximiner Herrenberg Riesling Trocken GG	12 20	93
2019er	Carl Loewen	Longuicher Maximiner Herrenberg Riesling Trocken "1896" Alte Reben	10 20	93
2019er	Carl Loewen	Thörnicher Ritsch Riesling Trocken GG	11 20	93+
2019er	Dr. Loosen	Bernkasteler Johannisbrünnchen Riesling Trocken GG	55 20	91+
2019er	Dr. Loosen	Erdener Treppchen Riesling Trocken Alte Reben GG	49 20	92
2019er	Dr. Loosen	Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Trocken Alte Reben GG	56 20	92
2019er	Dr. Loosen	Kinheimer Rosenberg Riesling Trocken GG	57 20	91+
2019er	Dr. Loosen	Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Trocken Alte Reben GG	52 20	93+
2019er	Dr. Loosen	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Trocken Alte Reben GG	51 20	92
2019er	Madame Flöck	Mad Dog Warwick	(No AP)	92
2019er	Maximin Grünhaus	Maximin Grünhäuser Abtsberg Riesling Trocken GG	16 20	93
2019er	Maximin Grünhaus	Maximin Grünhäuser Herrenberg Riesling Trocken GG	03 20	94
2019er	Maximin Grünhaus	Maximin Grünhäuser Riesling Trocken Alte Reben Nr. 21	17 20	92
2019er	Stefan Müller	Krettnacher Altenberg Riesling Trocken	03 20	92
2019er	Paulinshof	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese Trocken	09 20	92
2019er	S.A. Prüm	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Trocken GG	18 20	92
2019er	Max Ferd. Richter	Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Trocken Alte Reben	22 20	93
2019er	Max Ferd. Richter	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Trocken GG	29 20	92
2019er	Max Ferd. Richter	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Alte Reben	29 20	92
2019er	Max Ferd. Richter	Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett Trocken	20 20	94
2019er	Max Ferd. Richter	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Trocken GG Uralte Reben	30 20	91+
2019er	Selbach-Oster	Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese Trocken	45 20	92
2019er	Selbach-Oster	Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Riesling Trocken GG	34 20	94+
2019er	Später-Veit	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Trocken	12 20	92+
2019er	Stein	St. Aldegunder Palmberg-Terrassen Riesling Spätlese Trocken Die Steinlaus	11 20	94
2019er	Günther Steinmetz	Neumagener Rosengärtchen Riesling "von den Terrassen"	20 20	93
2019er	Günther Steinmetz	Piesporter Grafenberg Riesling "GP"	16 20	92+
2019er	Günther Steinmetz	Piesporter Treppchen Riesling "von den Terrassen"	19 20	92
2019er	Wolfram Stempel	Riesling MHT 19	(No AP)	(90-93)
2019er	Trös-Heimes	Riesling Illegal	(No AP)	92

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2019 DRY RIESLING | LIST OF VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS (CONT'D)

2019er	Van Volxem	Kanzemer Altenberg Riesling Alte Reben GG	19 20	93
2019er	Van Volxem	Ockfener Bockstein Riesling GG	35 20	93
2019er	Van Volxem	Saarburger Schonfels Riesling Trocken GG	36 20	93
2019er	Van Volxem	Scharzhofberger Riesling GG	16 20	92+
2019er	Van Volxem	Scharzhofberger Pergentsknopp Riesling GG	21 20	94
2019er	Van Volxem	Wawerner Goldberg Riesling GG	18 20	91+
2019er	Van Volxem	Wiltinger Gottesfuss Riesling Alte Reben GG	20 20	94
2019er	Van Volxem	Wiltinger Volz Riesling GG	17 20	94
2019er	Weiser-Künstler	Trabener Gaispfad Riesling Kabinett Trocken	12 20	94

2019 Mosel Vintage – Off-Dry Riesling Highlights

2019 OFF-DRY RIESLING | THE MIRACLE OF ZEST AND PRECISION

On paper, the 2019 vintage, with its comparative elegance, transparency, and zest, would be predestined to generate quite some fine off-dry Riesling. We admit that even we were taken aback at how great the vintage has turned out for this rather unique style made of tension and a dash of sweet smoothness.

More growers than usual produced some barely off-dry wines as the firm and playful acidity allowed for great balance despite some residual sugar. Overall, this proved a wise move as wine lovers are offered an embarrassment of riches in terms of great off-dry wines on offer.



Falkenstein (which also produced the highlight of the vintage, one of the most amazing off-dry wines we have ever tasted), Immich-Batterieberg, Peter Lauer, and Stefan Müller underlined their particular hand at this style and each managed to place more than three different wines on our list of highlights!

But also, many of the other "specialists" of the genre (including Clemens Busch, Cantzheim, Loersch, Carl Loewen, Selbach-Oster, Günther Steinmetz, and Weiser-Künstler) produced some amazing wines.



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Also new talents such as Bollig made it onto the list. We are particularly pleased that Hermann Ludes, one of the great traditional Estates, made more than a come-back and lands two of its wines onto our list of highlights. Many more Estates outdid themselves.

2019 is a great vintage for off-dry wines, be them barely off-dry or fully off-dry. Take your chances and load up on the finest. They will put a huge smile on your face in a few years!

2019 OFF-DRY RIESLING | LIST OF VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

We provide here our list (ranked alphabetically by Estate) of off-dry Riesling highlights from the 2019 vintage:

2019er	A.J. Adam	Riesling Feinherb in der Sängerei	12 20		96
2019er	Erben von Beulwitz	Kaseler Nies'chen Riesling Spätlese Feinherb Fass Nr. 9	09 20	<i>Auction</i>	92
2019er	Jan-Philipp Bleeke	Piesporter Treppchen Riesling Kabinett	01 20		92
2019er	Bollig	Riesling Spätlese Feinherb Urgestein	06 20		92
2019er	Clemens Busch	Pündericher Marienburg Felsterrassen Riesling	37 20		93
2019er	Clemens Busch	Pündericher Marienburg Raffles Riesling	38 20		94
2019er	Cantzheim	Saarburger Fuchs Riesling der Fuchs	04 20		93
2019er	Cantzheim	Wawerner Riesling	09 20		92
2019er	Falkenstein	Niedermenniger Herrenberg Riesling Kabinett Feinherb	15 20		92
2019er	Falkenstein	Niedermenniger Herrenberg Riesling Spätlese Feinherb Meyer Nepal	11 20		98
2019er	Falkenstein	Niedermenniger Herrenberg Riesling Spätlese Feinherb Onkel Peter	04 20		94
2019er	Falkenstein	Niedermenniger Herrenberg Riesling Spätlese Feinherb Palm	03 20		94
2019er	Reinhold Franzen	Neefer Frauenberg Riesling	13 20		92
2019er	Reinhold Franzen	Bremmer Calmont Riesling	14 20		92+
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Feinherb	19 20		92
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Riesling Feinherb Tradition	04 20		92
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Riesling Semi-Dry Tradition	04 20		92
2019er	Immich-Batterieberg	Enkircher Batterieberg Riesling	06 20		96
2019er	Immich-Batterieberg	Enkircher Ellergrub Riesling	05 20		95
2019er	Immich-Batterieberg	Enkircher Zeppwingert Riesling	04 20		94
2019er	Peter Lauer	Ayler Kupp Neuenberg Riesling Fass 17	17 20		93+
2019er	Peter Lauer	Ayler Kupp Unterstenberg Riesling Fass 12	12 20		93
2019er	Peter Lauer	Riesling Kern Fass 9	09 20		92
2019er	Peter Lauer	Riesling Stirn Fass 15	15 20		94
2019er	Loersch	Dhroner Hofberg Riesling Kabinett Feinherb	20 20		93
2019er	Loersch	Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Spätlese Feinherb Fels-Terrassen	19 20		93
2019er	Carl Loewen	Detzemer Maximiner Klosterlay Riesling	08 20		92
2019er	Carl Loewen	Riesling "1896"	13 20		94
2019er	Hermann Ludes	Thörnicher Ritsch Riesling Kabinett Feinherb Gackes Oben	04 20		93
2019er	Hermann Ludes	Thörnicher Ritsch Riesling Spätlese Feinherb	05 20		92
2019er	Maximin Grünhaus	Maximin Grünhäuser Abtsberg Riesling Superior	18 20		92
2019er	Stefan Müller	Niedermenniger Herrenberg Riesling Feinherb	06 20		91+
2019er	Stefan Müller	Niedermenniger Sonnenberg Riesling Feinherb	07 20		93
2019er	Stefan Müller	Niedermenniger Sonnenberg Riesling Feinherb Alte Reben	19 20		93
2019er	F.J. Regnery	Klüsserather Bruderschaft Riesling Spätlese Feinherb Edition Michelskirch	09 20		92
2019er	Max Ferd. Richter	Mülheimer Sonnenlay Riesling Feinherb Alte Reben	27 20		92

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2019er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Riesling Feinherb	07 20		92
2019er	Andreas Schmitges	Erdener Prälat Riesling Privat Reserve	14 20	Auction	93
2019er	Selbach-Oster	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese Feinherb Alte Reben	12 20		93
2019er	Selbach-Oster	Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese Feinherb "Ur" Alte Reben	32 20		96
2019er	Stein	St. Aldegunder Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett Feinherb	09 20		94
2019er	Günther Steinmetz	Dhroner Hofberg Riesling "GD"	21 20		93
2019er	Günther Steinmetz	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling	10 20		92
2019er	Wwe Dr. H. Thanisch-Erben Thanisch	Bernkasteler Badstube Riesling Kabinett Feinherb	02 20		92
2019er	Dr. Wagner	Riesling Generation V	10 20		92
2019er	Weiser-Künstler	Enkircher Steffensberg Riesling Spätlese Feinherb	11 20		93
2019er	Weiser-Künstler	Trabener Gaispfad Riesling	10 20		94

2019 Mosel Vintage – Kabinett Riesling Highlights

2019 KABINETT | ENGAGING ELEGANCE

When we first got our teeth into 2020 in earnest, in May 2020, it was immediately clear that something special had happened between 2019 and Kabinett. The zest combined with freshness and a dash of ripeness of the grapes worked wonders. At the right hands, this combination simply proved irresistible.

We will not shy away from claiming that 2019 is one of the finest vintages for Kabinett in modern history and lovers of the style should simply buy what they can. But not all wines bottled as Kabinett are really delivering. Some are simply too creamy and ripe for this style direction (while often being outstanding wines in their own right, certainly in 2019!).



Let us return to the positives of 2019. A huge number of highlights were produced. In particular, A.J. Adam, Clemens Busch, Falkenstein, potentially Fio, Geltz-Zilliken, Fritz Haag, Julian Haart, Keller, Schloss Lieser, Egon Müller (who produced the Kabinett of the vintage), Max Ferd. Richter, Willi Schaefer, and Vollenweider all produced modern classics.



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But also, a whole range of other growers (more than 40 in total!) produced some cracking Kabinett wines which shine through presence and elegance. Naming them all would be almost impossible. We would like to underline the performance of newcomers such as Richard Böcking, Bollig, Peter Burens, and Willems-Willems: These are names, we are sure, of which we will hear much more in the coming years.

As we describe in the article on Kabinett later on in this Issue, Kabinett is about playful lightness. On this criterion, unfortunately, not every wine bottled as Kabinett is Kabinett. There are still many growers, fortunately fewer now among the top growers, which bottle wines with well over 90° (i.e. already well into Auslese category) as Kabinett and which yielded wines with creaminess and softness.

Unfortunately, it is impossible to read from the label of a particular bottle of Kabinett if it will yield a light-footed, dancing, and intense wine, or a big Auslese, with already some almond, apricot, and other ripe, exotic, and creamy flavors. The best way to be sure is to carefully read our tasting notes or simply taste yourself. We take great care in indicating the style of the wine, in particular for those with Kabinett on the label.

So overall, despite the pitfalls, every Riesling lover should plunge on the 2019 vintage and buy its finest Kabinett. While some proved remarkably irresistible young, take it from us that their true charm and finesse will only emerge in 10-15 years.

Go for it!

2019 KABINETT | LIST OF VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

We provide here our list (ranked alphabetically by Estate) of Kabinett highlights from the 2019 vintage:

2019er	A.J. Adam	Dhroner Hofberg Riesling Kabinett	14 20		94
2019er	A.J. Adam	Dhroner Häs'chen Riesling Kabinett	13 20		95
2019er	A.J. Adam	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Kabinett	15 20		93+
2019er	Richard Böcking	Trarbacher Burgberg Riesling Kabinett M	07 20		92
2019er	Bollig	Wintricher Ohligsberg Riesling Kabinett	07 20		93
2019er	Peter Burens	Saarburger Auf Schonfels Riesling Kabinett Alte Reben	03 20		92
2019er	Clemens Busch	Pündericher Marienburg Riesling Kabinett	11 20		94
2019er	Clemens Busch	Pündericher Marienburg Riesling Kabinett	26 20	Auction	95
2019er	Joh. Jos. Christoffel Erben	Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Kabinett	04 20		92
2019er	Falkenstein	Krettnacher Euchariusberg Riesling Kabinett Alte Reben Gisela	08 20		95+
2019er	Falkenstein	Krettnacher Euchariusberg Riesling Kabinett Athuro	13 20		95
2019er	Falkenstein	Krettnacher Euchariusberg Riesling Kabinett Kugel Peter	12 20		95
2019er	Falkenstein	Niedermenniger Im Kleinschock Riesling Kabinett	20 20		93
2019er	Fio	Riesling Kabinett Cabi Sehr Nett	06 20		(93-95)
2019er	Geltz-Zilliken	Ockfener Bockstein Riesling Kabinett	06 20		92
2019er	Geltz-Zilliken	Saarburger Rausch Riesling Kabinett	05 20		95
2019er	Geltz-Zilliken	Saarburger Riesling Kabinett	07 20		92+
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Kabinett	03 20		95
2019er	Julian Haart	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Kabinett	06 20		93
2019er	Julian Haart	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Kabinett Alte Reben	07 20		94
2019er	Julian Haart	Wintricher Ohligsberg Riesling Kabinett Alte Reben	08 20		95
2019er	Reinhold Haart	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Kabinett	22 20		93
2019er	Dr. Hermann	Erdener Treppchen Riesling Kabinett -6-	06 20		93
2019er	Dr. Hermann	Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Kabinett Alte Reben	05 20		94
2019er	Keller	Piesporter Schubertslay Riesling Kabinett Alte Reben	40 20	Auction	95+
2019er	Lothar Kettern	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Kabinett	13 20		(90-93)
2019er	Kilburg	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Kabinett	30 20		93
2019er	Kilburg	Wintricher Ohligsberg Riesling Kabinett	29 20		94

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2019er	Peter Lauer	Ayler Kupp Riesling Kabinett Fass 5	05 20	<i>Auction</i>	93+
2019er	Peter Lauer	Ayler Kupp Riesling Kabinett Fass 8	08 20		93
2019er	Peter Lauer	Ayler Lambertskirch Riesling Kabinett	14 20		93
2019er	Le Gallais	Wiltiger braune Kupp Riesling Kabinett	02 20		94
2019er	Schloss Lieser	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett	36 20	<i>Auction</i>	95+
2019er	Schloss Lieser	Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett	09 20		92
2019er	Schloss Lieser	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett	11 20		92
2019er	Loersch	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Kabinett	10 20		92+
2019er	Loersch	Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Kabinett	11 20		92
2019er	Carl Loewen	Longuicher Herrenberg Riesling Kabinett	14 20		93
2019er	Dr. Loosen	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett	28 20		92
2019er	Maximin Grünhaus	Maximin Grünhäuser Abtsberg Riesling Kabinett	08 20		92+
2019er	Maximin Grünhaus	Maximin Grünhäuser Abtsberg Riesling Kabinett Nr. 33	07 20	<i>Auction</i>	94
2019er	Maximin Grünhaus	Maximin Grünhäuser Bruderberg Riesling Kabinett	04 20		93
2019er	Maximin Grünhaus	Maximin Grünhäuser Herrenberg Riesling Kabinett	06 20		94
2019er	Alfred Merkelbach	Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Kabinett	05 20		93
2019er	Mönchhof	Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Kabinett	06 20		92
2019er	Egon Müller	Scharzhofberger Riesling Kabinett	03 20		96+
2019er	Egon Müller	Scharzhofberger Riesling Kabinett Alte Reben	04 20	<i>Auction</i>	95+
2019er	Stefan Müller	Krettnacher Altenberg Riesling Kabinett	09 20		92+
2019er	Stefan Müller	Niedermenniger Sonnenberg Riesling Kabinett Alte Reben	10 20		94
2019er	Peter Neu-Erben	Wiltiger Klosterberg Riesling Kabinett	05 20	<i>Auction</i>	93
2019er	von Othegraven	Kanzemer Altenberg Riesling Kabinett	06 20		94
2019er	von Othegraven	Kanzemer Altenberg Riesling Kabinett	07 20	<i>Auction</i>	93
2019er	von Othegraven	Ockfener Bockstein Riesling Kabinett	04 20		92+
2019er	von Othegraven	Wawerner Herrenberger Riesling Kabinett	05 20		93
2019er	von Othegraven	Wiltiger Kupp Riesling Kabinett	03 20		94
2019er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett			93
2019er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett			94
2019er	Max Ferd. Richter	Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Kabinett	13 20		93
2019er	Max Ferd. Richter	Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Kabinett Fuder 4	14 20		94
2019er	Max Ferd. Richter	Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett	11 20		93
2019er	Max Ferd. Richter	Veldenzer Elisenberg Riesling Kabinett	12 20		95
2019er	Max Ferd. Richter	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett	10 20		94
2019er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett	03 20		96
2019er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett	02 20		93
2019er	Später-Veit	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Kabinett Armes	15 20		93
2019er	Günther Steinmetz	Mülheimer Sonnenlay Riesling Kabinett	04 20		93
2019er	Günther Steinmetz	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett	03 20		94
2019er	Wwe Dr. H. Thanisch-Erben Thanisch	Berncasteler Doctor Riesling Kabinett	06 20		92+
2019er	Vollenweider	Wolfer Goldgrube Riesling Kabinett	01 20		95
2019er	Van Volxem	Ockfener Bockstein Riesling Kabinett	25 20		92

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2019er	Dr. Wagner	Saarburger Riesling Kabinett Laurentius	08 20	94
2019er	Nik Weis – St. Urbans-Hof	Ockfener Bockstein Riesling Kabinett	18 20	92
2019er	Nik Weis – St. Urbans-Hof	Ockfener Bockstein Riesling Kabinett	20 20	93
2019er	Nik Weis – St. Urbans-Hof	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Kabinett	08 20	91+
2019er	Weiser-Künstler	Enkircher Ellergrub Riesling Kabinett	07 20	93
2019er	Weiser-Künstler	Trarbacher Schlossberg Riesling Kabinett	08 20	92
2019er	Willems-Willems	Krettnacher Euchariusberg Riesling Kabinett	09 20	92

NB: We only took on this list those wines, which remain comparatively "Kabinett" styled.

2018 Mosel Vintage – Spätlese Riesling Highlights

2019 SPÄTLESE | ENGAGING FRUITINESS

Spätlese is all about an ethereal balance between raciness and smoothness. 2019, with its clean fruit and good acidity, yielded hugely favorable conditions for this unique expression of Riesling.

Simply put, 2019 is a major vintage for Spätlese and this reflects in the large number of wines which made it in our list of the highlights. The finest shine through transparency, precision, freshness, and a superb creaminess.



Clemens Busch, Falkenstein, Fritz Haag, Le Gallais, Schloss Lieser, Egon Müller (which crafted the highlight of the vintage, a wine of epic presence), Joh. Jos. Prüm, Max Ferd. Richter, Willi Schaefer, Wwe Dr. H. Thanisch (Erben Thanisch), and Vollenweider all crafted modern-day classics in the making.

On top, Fritz Haag, Peter Lauer, Schloss Lieser, von Othegraven, Joh. Jos. Prüm, Wwe Dr. H. Thanisch (Erben Thanisch), and Willi Schaefer further underlined their particular talent at this style by landing more than three different wines on our list of highlights.

The intrinsic favorable conditions in 2019 allowed a wider number of growers than usual to produce some truly remarkable Spätlese. Wines from no less than 40 growers made it onto our list this year! This includes some lesser-known Estates such as Richard Bocking, Kilburg, and Lothar Kettern.



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So, there is much to like in 2019 and we can only encourage readers to plunge on the vintage's finest Spätlese. We need to add however two notes of caution. Many Spätlese still feel somewhat sweet in their youth and will only really deliver their unique balance in often more than a solid decade. 2019 is a vintage of patience. On top, as with Kabinett, some wines bottled as Spätlese are really Auslese in disguise. A look at a tasting note or pre-tasting is, unfortunately, still needed to make sure that the wine fits the overall style expectations.

2019 SPÄTLESE | LIST OF VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

We provide here our list (ranked alphabetically by Estate) of Spätlese highlights from the 2019 vintage:

2019er	A.J. Adam	Dhroner Hofberg Riesling Spätlese	16 20		93
2019er	Bastgen	Kestener Paulinshofer Riesling Spätlese	14 20	Auction	93
2019er	Blees-Ferber	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese ***	17 20		93
2019er	Richard Böcking	Trarbacher Ungsberg Riesling Spätlese M	08 20		93
2019er	Clemens Busch	Pündericher Marienburg Riesling Spätlese	12 20		95
2019er	Clemens Busch	Pündericher Marienburg Riesling Spätlese GK	13 20		95
2019er	Cantzeim	Saarburger Fuchs Riesling Spätlese	05 20		93
2019er	Clüsserath-Eifel	Trittenheimer Apotheke In den Gähten Riesling Spätlese GK	07 20	Auction	94
2019er	Falkenstein	Krettnacher Euchariusberg Riesling Spätlese	06 20		95
2019er	Falkenstein	Krettnacher Euchariusberg Riesling Spätlese	14 20		97
2019er	Geltz-Zilliken	Saarburger Rausch Riesling Spätlese	04 20		95
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Spätlese	05 20		93
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese	07 20		96
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese #14	14 20	Auction	97
2019er	Julian Haart	Wintricher Ohlgsberg Riesling Spätlese	11 20		94
2019er	Reinhold Haart	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese	25 20		92+
2019er	Reinhold Haart	Wintricher Ohlgsberg Riesling Spätlese	42 20		94
2019er	Dr. Hermann	Erdener Herzele Riesling Spätlese Alte Reben GK	09 20		93+
2019er	von Hövel	Kanzemer Hörecker Riesling Spätlese	14 20	Auction	93
2019er	Kees-Kieren	Erdener Treppchen Riesling Spätlese **	22 20	Auction	94
2019er	Kees-Kieren	Graacher Himmelsreich Riesling Spätlese **	21 20		92+
2019er	Kerpen	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese *	20 20	Auction	92+
2019er	Lothar Kettern	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese	14 20		(91-94)
2019er	Kilburg	Wintricher Ohlgsberg Riesling Spätlese	43 20		93
2019er	Peter Lauer	Ayler Kupp Riesling Spätlese Fass 7	07 20		93
2019er	Peter Lauer	Ayler Kupp Riesling Spätlese Fass 23	231 20	Auction	95
2019er	Peter Lauer	Biebelhausener Feils Riesling Spätlese Fass 24	24 20	Auction	94
2019er	Le Gallais	Wiltinger braune Kupp Riesling Spätlese	05 20		95
2019er	Le Gallais	Wiltinger braune Kupp Riesling Spätlese	09 20	Auction	96
2019er	Schloss Lieser	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese	15 20		94
2019er	Schloss Lieser	Bernkasteler Doctor Riesling Spätlese	37 20	Auction	96
2019er	Schloss Lieser	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese	17 20		93+
2019er	Schloss Lieser	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese	16 20		93
2019er	Loersch	Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Spätlese Alte Reben	09 20		93
2019er	Carl Loewen	Leiwener Laurentiuslay Riesling Spätlese	15 20		93
2019er	Dr. Loosen	Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Spätlese GK	36 20	Auction	94

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2019er	Hermann Ludes	Klüsserather Bruderschaft Riesling Spätlese	06 20		93
2019er	Hermann Ludes	Thörnicher Ritsch Riesling Spätlese GK	07 20		93+
2019er	Maximin Grünhaus	Maximin Grünhäuser Abtsberg Riesling Spätlese	05 20		93+
2019er	Egon Müller	Scharzhofberger Riesling Spätlese	06 20		97
2019er	Egon Müller	Scharzhofberger Riesling Spätlese	10 20	Auction	98+
2019er	Stefan Müller	Kretznacher Euchariusberg Riesling Spätlese Alte Reben	10 20		93
2019er	Stefan Müller	Niedermenniger Sonnenberg Riesling Spätlese Alte Reben	11 20		94
2019er	von Othegraven	Kanzemer Altenberg Riesling Spätlese	09 20		93
2019er	von Othegraven	Kanzemer Altenberg Riesling Spätlese	10 20	Auction	93
2019er	von Othegraven	Kanzemer Altenberg Riesling Spätlese Alte Reben	11 20		94
2019er	von Othegraven	Ockfener Bockstein Riesling Spätlese	08 20		93
2019er	Dr. Pauly-Bergweiler	Bernkasteler alte Badstube am Doctorberg Riesling Spätlese Alte Reben	16 20	Auction	93
2019er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spätlese			93+
2019er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese			95
2019er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese	21 20	Auction	96+
2019er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese			93
2019er	Max Ferd. Richter	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese	23 20		96
2019er	Max Ferd. Richter	Veldenzer Elisenberg Riesling Spätlese	24 20		95
2019er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese	05 20		95
2019er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese	10 20		94
2019er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese	13 20	Auction	98
2019er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spätlese	08 20		94
2019er	Willi Schaefer	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese	17 20		95
2019er	Selbach-Oster	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese *	08 20		93
2019er	Staffelter Hof	Kröver Steffensberg Riesling Spätlese	17 20		93
2019er	Günther Steinmetz	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese GK	05 20		93
2019er	Wwe Dr. H. Thanisch-Erben Thanisch	Bernkasteler Badstube Riesling Spätlese	16 20		93
2019er	Wwe Dr. H. Thanisch-Erben Thanisch	Bernkasteler Lay Riesling Spätlese Cuvée Christina	17 20		93
2019er	Wwe Dr. H. Thanisch-Erben Thanisch	Bernkasteler Doctor Riesling Spätlese	07 20		94
2019er	Wwe Dr. H. Thanisch-Erben Thanisch	Bernkasteler Doctor Riesling Spätlese Nr. 11	11 20		95
2019er	Vollenweider	Kröver Steffensberg Riesling Spätlese	05 20		94
2019er	Vollenweider	Wolfer Goldgrube Riesling Spätlese	02 20		96+
2019er	Nik Weis – St. Urbans-Hof	Ockfener Bockstein Riesling Spätlese	26 20		93
2019er	Weiser-Künstler	Enkircher Ellergrub Riesling Spätlese	05 20		93



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2019 Vintage – Noble-Sweet Highlights

2019 NOBLE-SWEET | RACY SUAVENESS

Unlike 2018, 2019 saw quite some rain and this already early in the harvest. However, the rain fell on rather clean and not overly ripe grapes. While many growers felt under pressure to bring in grapes for dry wines, some growers, in particular "the specialists", nevertheless used the opportunity to go for high-end noble-sweet wines.

The result proves mesmerizing at the top. The vintage yielded a huge amount of gloriously alluring, subtly zesty, focused, and incredibly deep noble-sweet wines. Never have we tasted so many noble-sweet wines striving for perfection as in 2019. The remarkable thing is that this concerns as well the BAs and TBAs as the high-end Auslese.

Clemens Busch, Fritz Haag, Dr. Hermann (which produced the BA/TBA of the vintage), Heymann-Löwenstein, Loersch, Willi Schaefer, and Selbach-Oster produced some mind-blowing BA and TBA. Also, the performance of the upcoming Loersch Estate is truly remarkable.

As good as they are (and some are truly remarkable), BAs and TBAs come with a price tag. The good news in 2019 is that the vintage also yielded a huge array of stunning Auslese. Fritz Haag (which produced the Auslese of the vintage), Dr. Hermann; Keller, Le Gallais, Schloss Lieser, Dr. Loosen, Egon Müller, Joh. Jos. Prüm, Max Ferd. Richter, Willi Schaefer, Selbach-Oster, and Vollenweider all produced Auslese of epic dimensions.



It should also be noted that the top Auslese, BA, and TBA all come from highly profiled and well-known noble-sweet wine specialists. Only Loersch and Albert Gessinger, both specialists in their own right, may be less well-known. Picking the right botrytis is an art.

However, the good news is that quantities from these top Auslese are often quite reasonable so, while not all may be available in your market, there is a good chance that some are. Happy hunting!

2019 NOBLE-SWEET | LIST OF EISWEIN, BA, AND TBA HIGHLIGHTS

We provide here a list (ranked alphabetically by Estate) of Eiswein, BA, and TBA highlights from the 2019 vintage:

2019er	A.J. Adam	Dhröner Hofberg Riesling Beerenauslese	20 20	96
2019er	Blees-Ferber	Neumagener Sonnenuhr Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese Non Plus Ultra	19 20	96
2019er	Clemens Busch	Pündericher Marienburg Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese	19 20	100

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2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Beerenauslese	25 20		97
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Beerenauslese	16 20		99
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese	18 20	Auction	(99-100)
2019er	Albert Gessinger	Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Riesling Beerenauslese Alte Reben	12 20		95
2019er	Heinrichshof	Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Riesling Beerenauslese	17 20		95
2019er	Dr. Hermann	Erdener Herzlei Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese Alte Reben lange GK	15 20		98
2019er	Dr. Hermann	Erdener Prälat Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese Alte Reben lange GK	16 20		100
2019er	Dr. Hermann	Erdener Treppchen Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese GK	14 20		98
2019er	Heymann-Löwenstein	Uhlen Laubach Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese	06 20		98
2019er	Heymann-Löwenstein	Winniger Röttgen Riesling Beerenauslese	03 20		96
2019er	von Kesselstatt	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Beerenauslese #30	27 20		94+
2019er	von Kesselstatt	Scharzhofberger Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese #27	33 20		97
2019er	Knebel	Winniger Röttgen Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese	08 20		98+
2019er	Schloss Lieser	Lieserer Niederberg Helden Riesling Beerenauslese	27 20		95
2019er	Loersch	Dhroner Hofberg Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese	06 20		99
2019er	Dr. Loosen	Erdener Treppchen Riesling Beerenauslese	N.A.		(93-96)
2019er	Dr. Loosen	Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese	N.A.		(95-98)
2019er	Dr. Loosen	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Beerenauslese	N.A.		(94-97)
2019er	Dr. Loosen	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese	N.A.		(96-99)
2019er	Max Ferd. Richter	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese	06 20		96+
2019er	Schloss Saarstein	Serriger Schloss Saarsteiner Riesling Beerenauslese	13 20	Auction?	94+
2019er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Beerenauslese	16 20		98
2019er	Selbach-Oster	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Beerenauslese	29 20		96
2019er	Selbach-Oster	Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Riesling Beerenauslese *	30 20		97
2019er	Selbach-Oster	Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese	23 20		98+
2019er	Wwe Dr. H. Thanisch-Erben Thanisch	Berncasteler Doctor Riesling Beerenauslese	13 20	Auction?	97

2019 NOBLE-SWEET | LIST OF AUSLESE HIGHLIGHTS

We provide here a list (ranked alphabetically by Estate) of Auslese highlights from the 2019 vintage:

2019er	A.J. Adam	Dhroner Hofberg Riesling Auslese *	18 20		96
2019er	A.J. Adam	Dhroner Hofberg Riesling Auslese **	19 20		95
2019er	Blees-Ferber	Neumagener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese *** Non Plus Ultra	12 20		95
2019er	Clemens Busch	Pündericher Marienburg Falkenlay Riesling Auslese	16 20		95
2019er	Clemens Busch	Pündericher Marienburg Riesling Auslese GK	17 20		96
2019er	Clemens Busch	Pündericher Marienburg Riesling Auslese lange GK	20 20	Auction	95+
2019er	Falkenstein	Krettnacher Euchariusberg Riesling Auslese Förster	05 20		96
2019er	Geltz-Zilliken	Saarburger Rausch Riesling Auslese	03 20		95+
2019er	Geltz-Zilliken	Saarburger Rausch Riesling Auslese	01 20	Auction	94+
2019er	Albert Gessinger	Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese *** Alte Reben	13 20	Auction	94+

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2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Auslese GK	22 20		96
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese	06 20		96
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese #10	10 20		96
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese GK	09 20		98
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese GK #12	12 20		100
2019er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese lange GK #15	15 20	Auction	98+
2019er	Julian Haart	Wintricher Ohligsberg Riesling Auslese ***	12 20		95
2019er	Dr. Hermann	Erdener Treppchen Riesling Auslese lange GK	13 20		97
2019er	Dr. Hermann	Erdener Prälat Riesling Auslese Alte Reben	10 20		95
2019er	Dr. Hermann	Erdener Prälat Riesling Auslese Alte Reben GK	12 20		94+
2019er	Dr. Hermann	Ürziger Würzgarten in der Kranklei Riesling Auslese Alte Reben GK	11 20		95
2019er	Heymann-Löwenstein	Riesling Auslese Schieferterrassen	01 20		95+
2019er	Heymann-Löwenstein	Uhlen Roth Lay Riesling Auslese	04 20		96
2019er	Immich-Batterieberg	Enkircher Zeppwingert Riesling Auslese GK	14 20		95
2019er	Kees-Kieren	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Auslese ***	26 20	Auction	95
2019er	Keller	Piesporter Schubertslay Riesling Auslese Alte Reben No. 42	42 20	Auction	98
2019er	Knebel	Winniger Röttgen Riesling Auslese lange GK	06 20	Auction	95
2019er	Knebel	Winniger Uhlen Riesling Auslese	07 20		95
2019er	Le Gallais	Wiltiger braune Kupp Riesling Auslese	07 20		97
2019er	Schloss Lieser	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese lange GK	38 20	Auction	97
2019er	Schloss Lieser	Lieserer Niederberg Helden Riesling Auslese lange GK	25 20		95
2019er	Schloss Lieser	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Auslese	21 20		96
2019er	Schloss Lieser	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese lange GK	26 20		97
2019er	Loersch	Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Auslese Alte Reben	07 20		96
2019er	Carl Loewen	Thörnicher Ritsch Riesling Auslese	16 20		95
2019er	Dr. Loosen	Erdener Prälat Riesling Auslese lange GK	61 20	Auction	98+
2019er	Maximin Grünhaus	Maximin Grünhäuser Abtsberg Riesling Auslese	12 20		95
2019er	Maximin Grünhaus	Maximin Grünhäuser Abtsberg Riesling Auslese Nr. 34	10 20	Auction	95
2019er	Alfred Merkelbach	Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Auslese Urglück	10 20		95
2019er	Egon Müller	Scharzhofberger Riesling Auslese	08 20		98+
2019er	von Othegraven	Kanzemer Altenberg Riesling Auslese	12 20		95
2019er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese GK			97
2019er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese lange GK	24 20	Auction	97+
2019er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese	22 20	Auction	98
2019er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese GK	23 20	Auction	97
2019er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese GK			96
2019er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese			95+
2019er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese	15 20		95
2019er	Max Ferd. Richter	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese	18 20		95
2019er	Max Ferd. Richter	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese *** Fuder 42	16 20		97

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2019er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Auslese	11 20		95
2019er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Auslese	14 20		98
2019er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Auslese	15 20	<i>Auction</i>	97
2019er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese	09 20		96
2019er	Willi Schaefer	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese	18 20		97
2019er	Selbach-Oster	Bernkasteler Badstube Riesling Auslese *	44 20		95
2019er	Selbach-Oster	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese **	10 20		94+
2019er	Selbach-Oster	Zeltinger Schlossberg Riesling Auslese Schmitt	17 20		96
2019er	Selbach-Oster	Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese Rotlay	18 20		98
2019er	Günther Steinmetz	Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Auslese GK	06 20		95
2019er	Günther Steinmetz	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese GK	08 20		96
2019er	Wwe Dr. H. Thanisch-Erben Thanisch	Bernkasteler Badstube Riesling Auslese	18 20		95
2019er	Wwe Dr. H. Thanisch-Erben Thanisch	Bernkasteler Doctor Riesling Auslese	08 20		95
2019er	Wwe Dr. H. Thanisch-Erben Thanisch	Bernkasteler Doctor Riesling Auslese Selection	12 20		94+
2019er	Vollenweider	Wolfer Goldgrube Riesling Auslese GK	04 20		97
2019er	Wegeler	Bernkasteler Doctor Riesling Auslese GK	14 20	<i>Auction</i>	94+
2019er	Weiser-Künstler	Enkircher Ellergrub Riesling Auslese GK	01 20		95
2019er	Weiser-Künstler	Enkircher Steffensberg Riesling Auslese	02 20		95
2019er	Weiser-Künstler	Enkircher Steffensberg Im Löwenbaum Riesling Auslese	04 20		94+



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2020 Mosel Vintage – Classic Elegance?

What does 2020 have in store? The growing conditions were set on a hot and ripe vintage ... which did not materialize, on the contrary! Here a sneak preview.



The growing conditions were set on a rich and ripe vintage.

After a particular mild and (welcomingly) wet winter, spring proved one of the sunniest and warmest in history. Almost as if planned, warm and sunny weather set almost on the day Germany entered its lockdown to control the Covid-19 pandemic in mid-March. By enlarge, the weather was to remain warm and dry until September, except for some rains during flowering. As seems unfortunately now the norm, a heat wave hit Germany at the peak of the summer. The lack of rain meant some severe draught issues in parts of the region. This meant record early bud break and flowering. But above all, the sunny and dry weather meant that growers were bracing themselves for a rich and ripe vintage.

The harvest put all predictions of ripeness and richness on its head as sugar levels did not soar.

As sugar levels soared at the beginning of September, growers were all set on another record early harvest and many of the leading Estates did start picking earlier than ever before, sometimes well before mid-September. But then the weather turned hot and dry again ... and the sugar density levels stalled. "We often had difficulties reaching 90° Oechsle, the opposite of what happened in many recent vintages" was the somewhat perplexed yet satisfied feedback from several growers. Rains at the end of the month made for some grey hair as the spectrum of rot spreading seemed all too real. Cold nights meant that acidity levels remained solid. Eventually, sugar density levels then reached good Spätlese (sometimes Auslese) levels in October so that many growers did not finish before mid-October. Botrytis did not develop much, and quite a few growers gambled on Eiswein. While much of Germany enjoyed a spell of frost during which Eiswein was possible around November 30, Mosel growers had to wait for January 12 ... 2021 to find the right conditions.

The first impression of the wines is: Brace yourself for elegance and raciness!

As usual, we were able to sample a few unfinished wines from a set of leading growers. And as usual, reading anything but the wildest generalities is hardly possible at this young age but the contours of the vintage are already clear. Despite 2020 being one of the hottest years ever in Germany, it looks as if 2020 will be an elegant and transparent vintage in the Mosel. Pink grapefruit, cassis, white peach, citrusy fruits, and herbal elements will make for quite animating wines. The body structure is classically light and only a touch of apricot seems to remind one of the sunny and dry nature of the growing conditions. The wines remind us of 2004 and 2008 but of course with more presence due to the climate change, i.e. vintages with comparatively more moderate sugar density levels and classic balance.

Stay tuned!



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Kabinett | A Dive into the Unique Art of Playful Lightness

Kabinett, once the poor relative of the family of Prädikat wines, went through an extraordinary journey over the last few years and is now among the most sought-after labels in the world of German wines. But what is a Kabinett? Where does Kabinett come from? Already these seemingly anodyne questions reveal the complex nature of Kabinett. Join us in a very personal dive into its history, the philosophy behind it, the methods to produce it, and discover the multiple facets of this unique art of playful lightness.



KABINETT | A HIGH-END DENOMINATION REPACKAGED FOR ENTRY LEVEL WINES

The story started a few hundred years ago with the term Cabinet (pronounced the same as Kabinett), which originated from far beyond the shores of winemaking. Originally, a Cabinet was a piece of furniture where the rich and famous hold their more precious items, often pieces acquired during tours or acquired from travelling salesmen offering exotic goods. These pieces of furniture were often lacquered and richly decorated. By association, the term Cabinet was used in the German wine Estates and some of the wealthy families to designate a portion of their cellar reserved for their more prized wines. The oldest record of such a cellar dates from 1716 at Schloss Vollrads in the Rheingau.



By association, growers started to refer to particular refined casks of wines as "Cabinet Weine." This could apply to any wine, especially luscious and rare BA and TBA, but also for dry or just off-dry wines. The term, when used, meant "special cask of exquisite quality." The term Cabinet was mostly used in the Rheingau. However, under the insistence of international merchants, the term found itself on the label of wines from special casks from growers in other regions, including the Mosel, even if this practice proved really rare.



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Then came the 1971 vineyard law. It scrapped the old and sometimes equivocal denominations and replaced them with denominations based on measurable quantities (as we explain in our article on the pre-1971 German wine label in a background article published in the Mosel Fine Wines Issue No 51 – April 2020). In this reform, un-chaptalized wines (previously simply known as Naturrein) became Prädikat wines and the term Kabinett was repackaged to refer to the lowest category of these Prädikat wines. In a nutshell, after 1971, a wine can only be called and labeled as Kabinett if it is not chaptalized and fulfils a minimum sugar density in the grapes at harvest (expressed in Oechsle levels). The current requirements vary by region and sometimes between different grape varieties within the region:

Kabinett - Minimal Requirements in Sugar Density (in Oechsle Degrees) at Harvest

Grape	Franken	Mosel	Nahe	Pfalz	Rheingau	Rheinhessen
White	80°	73°	73°	73/76°	75/80°	73/76°
Red	80/85°	73°	73°	76°	80°	76°

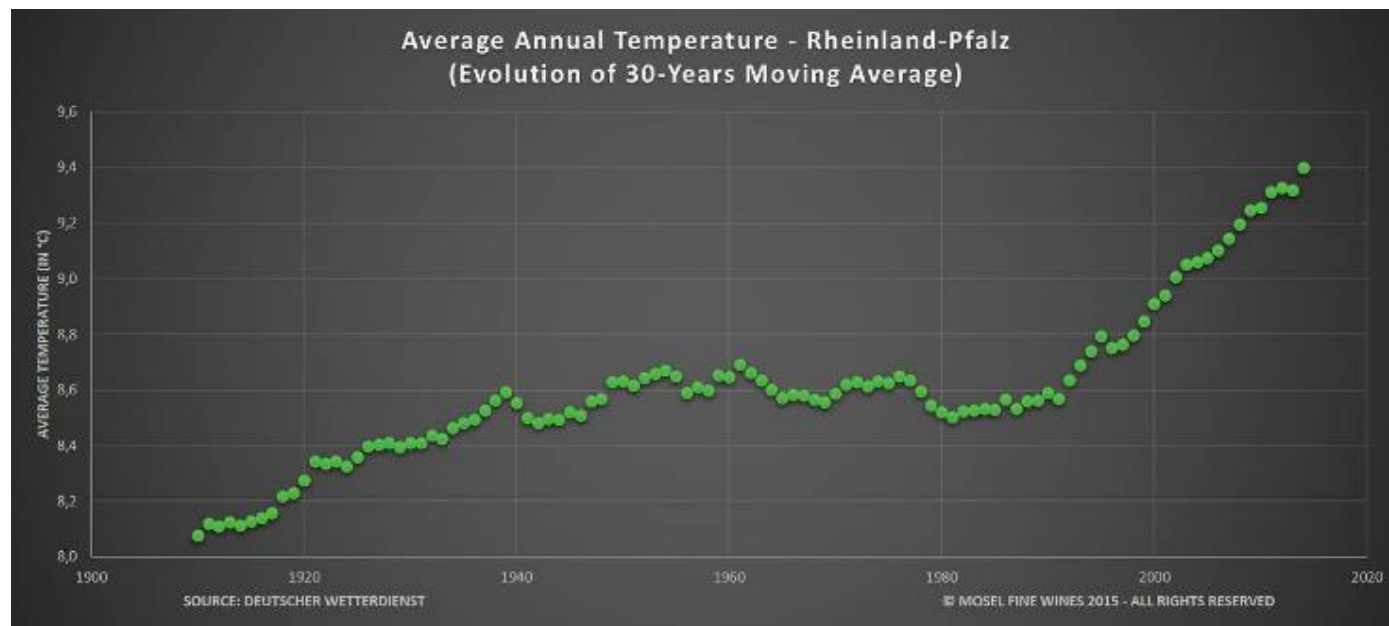
The term Kabinett was by the way not only reserved for Riesling or for white wine grapes. As you can see from the table here above, also red wines could yield Kabinett wines. There is however no specific requirement for the remaining of the work in the cellar, especially regarding the way the wine is vinified. This means that the winemaker can produce a dry, off-dry, fruity-styled, or even sweet Kabinett.

After having referred to the high ends of the German wine world for centuries, the term Kabinett became the entry category into the world of Prädikat wines.

KABINETT | A TORTUOUS BUT GRADUAL EVOLUTION TOWARDS THE EPITOME OF LIGHTNESS

In the 1970s and 1980s, Kabinett wines were often the finest that an Estate could produce as it often proved difficult to reach 80° Oechsle except in the finest, full-south exposed vineyards. It was therefore normal that the bulk of any harvest was either chaptalized wines (QbA) or Kabinett wines, harvested with Oechsle degrees in the low 70s. However, these wines did often not taste truly ripe and were acidic and thin. If you asked a wine lover of the 1980s what he thought about Kabinett, the answer would have been "ok, for everyday drinking or quaffing on the terrace." Wine lovers would aspire to Spätlese or Auslese from the finest vintages, not Kabinett.

Had the climate remained unchanged, we would have been continuing to refer to Kabinett wines as entry wines. However, as of 1988, Germany saw a gradual but almost constant increase in average temperatures. The transformation that the Mosel went through led us to write an article on "winemaking in the age of climate change" in 2015 which included this staggering table.



Extract from "Winemaking in the Age of Climate Change" (Mosel Fine Wines Issue No 28 – June 2015)



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This steady increase in temperature would have a profound effect on German Riesling as a whole. While it undoubtedly benefitted the production of dry wines, it proved more challenging for Kabinett:

- By the 1990s, Kabinett wines were made of fruit harvested at around 80° Oechsle while Spätlese and Auslese bottlings were wines with more creaminess. These Kabinett wines were now made from ripe fruit, playful, light, elegant but were still perceived as the poor relative to the majestic Spätlese and Auslese.
- By the 2000s, a decade characterized by quite some "ripe" vintages (especially 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2009), the Spätlese and Auslese bottlings were often made from fruit with high Oechsle degrees (95 and more) and the Kabinett wines became quite powerful in their own right. They were rarely "light-footed" but "the least powerful" in a portfolio. It was not rare that the grapes had 90° Oechsle ... the level reached only by the finest Auslese in the 1970s.

With a few exceptions, Kabinett wines were becoming increasing bigger wines where presence was replacing playfulness. The fact that they were made with fruit picked at higher sugar density meant that the Kabinett wines had also become increasingly sweeter: 70-80 g/l was anything but rare ... and anything but playful or light. In addition, these Kabinett wines required more and more aging for the sweetness to recede (in fact, some of these wines from the riper vintage of the 2000s are still on the sweet side today!).

Already back in 2012, we alerted on this issue with our piece "A plea for true Kabinett and Spätlese" as we noticed that too many of these wines were simply big Spätlese and Auslese and failed to bring the playful lightness at the core of the name.

A plea for true Kabinett and Spätlese

If there is one thing which Mosel can and others cannot (or much less so), it is to produce light and fresh fruity-styled Kabinett and Spätlese wines. In fact, for many wine lovers, especially outside of Germany, this is what Mosel wines are all about. These delicate wines are easy to sip in their youth, are great food companions and, at maturity, when they have integrated their light and fruity sweetness, offer great complexity in addition to this sense of lightness.

Yet again, in 2011, we have come across many wines bottled as Kabinett or Spätlese which have the richness and sweetness of Auslese. The typical reaction of winemakers has been to point out that consumers get a great deal: "consumers get an Auslese for the price of a Kabinett." Well, we see at this trend of declassification with growing concern as it is clearly alienating the consumer, who, in function of the vintage gets confronted with very different styles of wines under any given Prädikat. We have stopped counting the number of times we are asked by a reader: "I have bought a Kabinett from Estate so-and-so, what should I expect?" The question is unfortunately a legitimate one, but one which a consumer should never need to ask...

We fear that the route taken in the Mosel, to invoke the declassification as "trump card" has been an easy way out, but one which will ultimately make it lose its international customers. The reality in today's hotter climate situation is that making a true Kabinett (and sometimes Spätlese), i.e. a light, delicate wine without botrytis flavors requires to make extensive vineyard selections in order to find the right type of clean and not too ripe grapes which at the end boast, say, 85-88° Oechsle. This often requires to adopt different winemaking techniques (less defoliation, not too low yields, etc.). Also, in vintages such as 2011, in which it may prove ultimately difficult to produce naturally light and fresh wines, one may ask the question what is lesser risk: will consumers prefer a fresh wine which may be slightly unripe (a price to pay to the fact that a vintage is not ideal for Kabinett, and the only way to keep good acidity levels) or a luscious Auslese with high levels of residual sugar?

In other words: Kabinett and Spätlese require dedication and risk-taking, and sometimes more than those required for producing run-of-the-mill Auslese, which can be made from "any" ripe and partially botrytis-affected grapes. We would therefore neither be surprised nor shocked to see one day some real Kabinett and Spätlese cost more than regular Auslese. In fact, to add to our plea, we would probably welcome it, as it would maybe bring winemakers to focus more on these categories and produce these light wines which we all love.

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At the same time, under the impulse of the VDP, the term Kabinett was more and more reserved for off-dry or fruity-styled wines. While the VDP is a private organization, these principles ran a cord with many growers and also with the public used to see one dry wine per vineyard in other high-profile regions. Gradually, the term Kabinett disappeared from the label of dry wines at many of the top growers and this not only in the Mosel.

Had the world stopped there, Kabinett wines would have developed a reputation of being a big, bold, juicy, and "entry-level" wines which require quite some time to develop (which, in a way, did not make much commercial sense as entry-level wines are rather for short term consumption).



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However, things took a change (in our eyes for the better) in the past decade. Under the impulse of both growers and consumers, it went through a fundamental transformation over the past decade. There was a clear desire from the consumer to enjoy light and playful Kabinett wines made from not overly ripe fruit, with good acidity, not too much power, and moderately sweet finish. Also, the cellars of avid wine lovers were full of big and bold Kabinett, Spätlese, and Auslese wines from the 2000s which proved much less versatile as their predecessors from the 1990s. This quest for lightness and less sugar meant that those growers who produced such wines were immediately sold out ... while they sometimes needed years to sell their Spätlese or Auslese.

From the grower's side, producing wines with lightness was becoming an increasingly tedious task. It required to actively select particular clean grapes, calibrate the moment of harvest, etc. This all meant that the cost of producing this type of wines quickly went up. Yet, the price asked for these wines followed the old established ranking: Kabinett is cheaper than Spätlese, often by quite a margin, and Spätlese is cheaper than Auslese.

More and more growers changed the way they produced their Kabinett and, in particular, to produce wines with a higher profile. The surest sign that Kabinett was on the up was when more VDP growers started to offer a Kabinett at the Mosel Auction. Here, the Peter Lauer and von Othegraven Estates were pioneers. The other sure aspect was the huge price achieved by Egon Müller with its Kabinett Alte Reben. This wine passed the €100 mark in 2014 with its 2013er Scharzhofberger Kabinett Alte Reben (something which would have been completely unheard of just a few years before) and commands well over €200 today. Also, growers from other regions were bringing now Kabinett at the Auctions, notably Diel, Keller, Joh. Bapt. Schäfer, and Schätzel at the Bad Kreuznach one.

Over the last decade, Kabinett emerged from its image of entry level wine to that of a style in its own right. The king of lightness had found again its home.

KABINETT | THE MAKING OF

For long, the harvesting followed a tried principle. Growers would start with a little pre-harvesting, in which they cut out bad grapes and already picked a few good ones. They would then go over to the main harvest, where they would bring in the bulk of the fruit. When sugar levels were correct, these wines would not need to be chaptalized and yielded what was called "Naturrein" wines before 1971 and Kabinett after 1971. Then growers would leave some grapes in prime vineyards to get an extra layer of ripeness. Guess how the wines from the late-harvested were called? Spätlese (literally meaning "late harvest"). Of course, the reality is of course more complex (for instance it involves prioritizing vineyards as well) but it gives the principles.



However, as the decades passed by and the average sugar density levels in the grapes became ever so high, this approach yielded wines with quite some ripeness and presence, more than ideally wanted for a light-footed wine. As we mentioned above, this became ever so evident as of the 2000s.

This has led top growers to gradually change their approach on several levels:

- **Vineyards:** Growers deliberately choose cooler vineyards to produce Kabinett wines. This means relying increasingly on parcels higher up on their main hills or adding cooler vineyards to their portfolio.
- **Canopy management:** Nowadays, with the increasing heat, grapes often develop quite ripe flavors by mid-September. This led an increasing number of growers to become more cautious about defoliating the grape area (some do not do it all anymore) in order to prevent the sun from burning the berries during summer and thereby avoid the ripe and big flavors (of cardamom, licorice, and camphor) in their light-footed wines.
- **Yields:** Most growers have been reducing their yields since at least 2000 out of two reasons (a) nature more often than not has been reducing yields naturally (b) growers have been aiming at this (by leaving only a few canes per vine) in order to develop more ripeness and reduce acidity, i.e. the necessary conditions for producing top dry wines. As the Kabinett wines became ever bigger as a result, we know of several growers who have purposefully increased their yields slightly, in particular in vineyards for Kabinett, in order to redevelop a more playful side.



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- **Harvest time:** Historically, the harvest started around mid-October, sometimes only in November. Harvesting so late was an almost precondition in 90% of the vintages to harvest ripe grapes with not too searing acidity and be able to produce quality wines. However, this approach proved increasingly being incompatible with producing light-footed Kabinett wines. As of the early 2010s, several growers then purposefully started their harvest much earlier, sometimes even in September, in order to select ripe grapes with low Oechsle degrees. Around 2010, this meant harvesting at the end of September. In 2020, this means harvesting in mid-September.

Not all growers are using the above approach and not all of the above general changes apply to all vineyards. But it underlines the incredible changes growers have made over the years as Kabinett moved from being "the product of the main harvest" to a "wine made with special focus put on it."

KABINETT | DIFFERENT SHADES OF LIGHTNESS

What makes a Kabinett great? For us it is pretty simple: A great Kabinett wine is about the seeming contradiction between light-footed tension and intensity. A young Kabinett should woe you with its fresh, often floral, subtly peachy, and lemony scents on the nose. It should prove animating without being searing, with a subtle sense of fruitiness instead of sweetness on the palate. The finish will reward one with delicacy nuances, lightness, and chiseled tension. A truly great Kabinett pulls off the *tour de force* of being deep and intense, despite its fragile and airy side.

Over the last few years, we have seen four different styles of Kabinett emerge which express different facets of the playful lightness of the genre which typically result from low Oechsle degrees and different levels of residual sugar.

- **Racy Kabinett:** This style of Kabinett typically results from fruit picked at around 80° Oechsle, hence, often early, and, more often than not, fermented down to fruity-styled levels of residual sugar (around 40-50 g/l), i.e. 7.5-8% of alcohol. It yields a wine of great tension, acidic zest and perfect fruity sweetness in the finish. This wine is often hugely irresistible when young but makes amazing, almost dry-tasting Riesling after 20 years.
- **Drinking Auslese from the 1990s:** This style of Kabinett wines typically results from fruit picked around 85° Oechsle, often in the early part of a harvest or even earlier in top vineyards, and fermented down to approx. 50 g/l of residual sugar and with 8-8.5% of alcohol. This type of wine will include an irresistible touch of sour creaminess (akin to citrusy whipped cream) without losing anything in terms of precision and finesse. The finish may often feel a touch sweeter, but still animating, than that of "Racy Kabinett". This type of Kabinett truly comes into its own after 20 years of aging when it develops the gorgeously animating drinking properties and depth of the Auslese from the 1990s. This is no coincidence: Regular Auslese in the 1990s often resulted from fruit harvested at 85° Oechsle.
- **Former Naturrein-Styled:** These Kabinett wines may sometimes have a bit more Oechsle degrees (typically 83-87° Oechsle) and are usually fermented to some form of "off-dry" levels (anything really from 10-40 g/l of residual sugar). These wines (sometimes commercialized as Kabinett Feinherb) have often quite an aromatic profile on the nose but prove ethereally light, focused, and elegant on the palate and leave a subtly tart and fruity feel in the precise and not overly creamy finish.
- **Dry Lightness:** Typically, these wines are made from fruit often with up to 88° Oechsle and are simply stunning dry wines which shine through ethereal lightness. While the word Kabinett may still be associated with "little wine," these dry wines can be among the finest in Germany.

Of course, the above categories are far from firm and have to be taken as overall directions. In particular, Riesling lightness can still emerge from wines made from fruit with slightly higher Oechsle and alcohol, especially if harvested from appropriate vineyards and not too low yields. Also, no wine can be described by technical terms alone. But the broad structure of a Kabinett wine can be "explained" by its Oechsle degrees and its residual sugar. This is why we try to provide as much as possible this information in each and every of our tasting notes in order to provide guidance to wine lovers as to what to expect.

Clearly, as we also found this year (see the piece on the 2019 Kabinett vintage highlights), there are still many wines commercialized as Kabinett which have the weight and presence of Spätlese and sometimes even Auslese. While these wines can be truly remarkable in their intrinsic style, bringing them on the market as Kabinett remains, for us, truly misleading towards customers.

This is the reason why we systematically add a stylistic description in the tasting notes of wines bottled as Kabinett and will never refrain from saying that they are Spätlese or Auslese in disguise (even if this has disturbed some growers but, fortunately, only a small minority and mostly in the transition period in the early 2010s).



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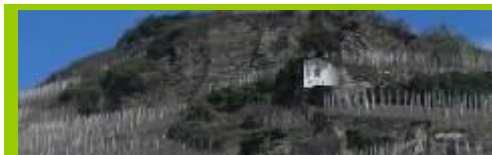
KABINETT | BUYING RECOMMENDATIONS

Except for the warning to read a tasting note or try a wine to avoid being faced with a declassified Spätlese or Auslese when not wanted, the buying recommendations for Kabinett is paved with good news! Here are three major tips we recommend you follow:

- **Plenty of good vintages to buy from:** Thanks to the changes that growers have made in their vineyard management, stunning Kabinett wines is being produced in nearly every vintage since 2014. Before that, wine lovers should keep a particular eye on bottles emerging on the secondary market especially from the 2008, 2004, 2002, 1998, 1993, and 1990 vintages, even if these occasions are becoming increasingly rare.
- **Wide range of growers:** As we looked back at our list of Kabinett highlights over the years, the number of growers regularly making it onto our list has almost doubled over the last decade. Of course, there are some eternal classics. But quite a number of exciting new growers are now giving these grand Estates more than a run for their money.
- **Price still remarkably moderate:** Kabinett wines of a very few growers have now reached incredible heights. Others have become incredibly difficult to find on the market, if they have not been secured ahead at the Estates or importers. But still, by enlarge, the vast majority of Kabinett wines, be them fruity-styled, off-dry, or dry, are comparatively widely available and, above all, still remarkably moderately priced given the intrinsic quality.



Honestly, times have never been better for lovers of light-footed Riesling. The offer is large, there are few wines which offer so much goose bumps for so little money, so let us enjoy it!



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Vineyard Names | Origin and Meaning

Bernkasteler Doctor, Scharzhofberger, Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr, Winninger Uhlen, Ockfener Bockstein, Maximin Grünhäuser Abtsberg: German vineyard names are colorful and their origin often surprising. Also, their meaning is often not simple to understand if you do not master German. It is high time to delve into the rich history and often romantic aspirations conveyed by Germany vineyard names.



VINEYARD NAMES | ORIGINATED FROM PLACENAMES ... AND FROM ROMANTIC ASPIRATIONS

There are essentially two sources from which the German vineyard names emerged, name places ... and romantic aspirations (more on this second aspect later).

Many of the vineyard names in Germany emerged from **local placenames**, as in Burgundy. In Burgundy, the placenames are called "Lieu-Dit", in Germany "Gewann." The names of highly sought-after Gewinn (such as *in den Juffern* in the Brauneberger hill, *Im Wirzgarten* in Ürzig, *Dompropstbann* in Graach, etc.) was then gradually used for surrounding vineyards over the decades (while their names became sometimes slightly altered and shortened). The same happened essentially in Burgundy as well.

However, many of today's vineyard names were simply **creations to resonate with the public**. This practice is deeply rooted in German wine history. As of the early 19th century, no doubt in sync with Germany's deeply romantic heart, growers started to add some aspirational names to their wines. This saw names such as **Schlossberg** (Castle hill) emerge for vineyards under a castle (in particular in Zeltingen), or **Herrenberg**, the hill of the Lord, among others for the Maximin Grünhaus but also vineyards in Wawern. The name **Goldtröpfchen** (golden droplet) also emerged around the middle of the 19th century. Later, **Treppchen** (little stairs) and **Sonnenuhr** (sundial) also became favorites by 1900. These names do not relate to a name place but were simply introduced to give an addition cachet "by association" to a grower's wines. We would call this marketing today but who wouldn't want to enjoy a wine from the hill where the lord himself is growing his vines or from a vineyard close to the sundrenched sundial?

In 1909, the German law maker required that all vineyards should be given a name in order to crack down on abuse. At this occasion, many villages used the opportunity to select some famous old place names (Treppchen) or great brand names (Schlossberg in Zeltingen) ... or created some brand-new ones! It is a little-known fact but the name Apotheke, referring to the best-known vineyard in Trittenheim, was a child of the vineyard name requirement of 1909.

This particularity of the German wine history makes it that many of the vineyard names currently on the official list were "launched" / "created" in the 19th and 20th century. This is also why, for many vineyards, the translation in English is simple and comparatively understandable. It was part of the cunning plan of the growers! Other vineyards emerged from placenames and understanding their meaning is often far from direct.

VINEYARD NAMES | THE GREAT MOSEL CLASSICS

Some names come up more often than others. Many of the vineyard names are rooted in the region's deep valleys, slate, and meandering rivers. **Lay** is one of these words. It derives from an old German word which referred to slate (still today, in Dutch, which emerged also from "lower German", the word "lei" means slate). Another one is **Berg** (mountain / hill). While in some regions, the word mountain hill refers to what some Mosel growers referred to as mole hills, the word Berg can truly apply to some of the steep hills of the Mosel! But also, **Fels** or **Felsen** (rock) as well as **Kupp** (meaning hill head) are words often found in vineyard names. These words more often than not emerged from the real name places (Gewann).



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In the 19th and early 20th century, anything religious-related was highly appreciated. It is therefore not surprising that words such as **Herrenberg** (the hill of the lord), **Abtsberg** (the hill of the abbot), **Prälat** (Prelate) emerged. However, also the reference to past illustrious clerical owners was a great favorite. **Maximin** is found in several vineyard names in villages in which this huge Abbey was heavily endowed. **Jesuiten** (Jesuits) and **Deutschherren** (Teutonic Order), **Eucharius**, **Paulin**, etc. were all referring to previous clerical ownership. Lastly **Himmelreich** (Kingdom of Heaven) also became quite popular (although, in fairness to Graach, there is really a Gewann called Im Himmelreich so, in this case, it was not a marketing "novelty").

VINEYARD NAMES | THE NEED FOR THE VILLAGE

For much of the 19th century, wines were marketed under the name of a village (at best ... with often no guarantee that any grape came from that village). A few vineyard names gradually emerged which commanded higher prices. Most of them were quite distinct: Bocksteiner, Geisberger, Paulinsberger, etc. However, soon enough, the name Herrenberg or Herrenberger proved hugely successful and several Estates were using this. This required to add the name of the village to separate them. Two of the most iconic wines from the 19th century were the Wawerner-Herrenberger and the Maximin-Grünhäuser-Herrenberger.

After the requirement to give every vineyard a name in 1909, many more such specifications of the village were required. Gradually, this practice of providing the village name AND the single-vineyard name became widespread and almost standard. It was eventually engrained into the wine law of 1971, which required a wine bottled as a single-vineyard to also include the name of the village (even if there was no ambiguity).

VINEYARD NAMES | THE CURRENT OFFICIAL LIST AND ITS TRANSLATION (BY VILLAGE)

We provide here the translation of the vineyard names on the current official single-vineyard list from the Mosel region. We took the following approach:

- We provided the vineyard names as per the **alphabetic order of their villages**, as the official description of any vineyard is still "village"[er] "single-vineyard." We however added a purely alphabetic list at the end of this article for reference as many growers start to refer only to their vineyard name on the main part of the label.
- In order to facilitate the search, we **ranked the villages simply in alphabetic order, not by sub-region**.
- Some vineyard names can be preceded by different village or district names (e.g. Koberner Uhlen and Winninger Uhlen). As the list of translation here below should serve as reference, we introduced such **vineyards under all their allowed village names**.
- Sometimes, the meaning is not direct as the word derived from a Gewann name, i.e. a word deformed by centuries of rewriting. In this case, we simply **mention when the vineyard name does not mean anything**.

NB: Not all the vineyard names are still being found on wine labels and certainly not on international markets. A few of the vineyards are in fact no longer planted but still on the official vineyard list (as per Autumn 2020). Changes are high that you will know maybe one-third of the names here below. We chose to be complete and provide a translation for every vineyard, even if this underlines the fact that the vineyard list of the Mosel could do with a vigorous clean up!

Enjoy the read!

Village / District	Single Vineyard	Translation
Alf	Burggraf	Castellan
	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord
	Hölle	Hell
	Kapellenberg	Chapel Hill
	Katzenkopf	Cat's Head
	Kronenberg	Crown Hill
Alken	Bleidenberg	Hill of 'Bleiden'
	Burgberg	Fortress Hill
	Hunnenstein	Stone of the Huns
Andel	Goldschatz	Gold treasure

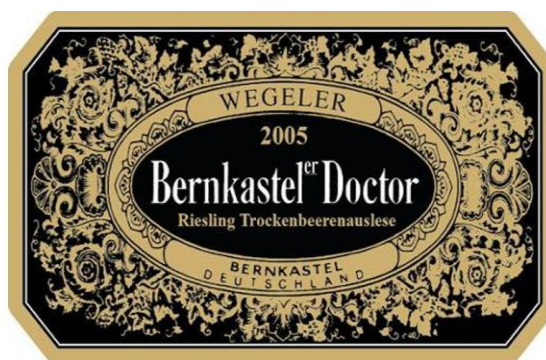


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Avelsbach	Altenberg	Old Hill
	Hammerstein	German politician (<i>Instigator of the State Estate in Avelsbach</i>)
	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord
Ayl	Herrenberger	Hill of the Lord
	Kupp	Hillhead
	Scheidterberg	Firewood Hill
Bausendorf	Herzlay	Heart Slate
	Hubertuslay	Hubert Slate
Beilstein	Schlossberg	Castle Hill
	Silberberg	Silver Hill
Bekond	Brauneberg	Brown Hill
	Schlossberg	Castle Hill
Bengel	Klosterberg	Cloister Hill



Bernkastel	Alte Badstube am Doctorberg	Old Bathhouse at the Doctor Hill
	Bratenhöfchen	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)
	Doktor	Doctor
	Graben	Ditch
	Johannisbrunnchen	Johann's Fountain
	Lay	Slate
	Matheisbildchen	Prayer Card of Mathew
	Schlossberg	Castle Hill
	Stephanus-Rosengärtchen	Stephen's Rose Garden

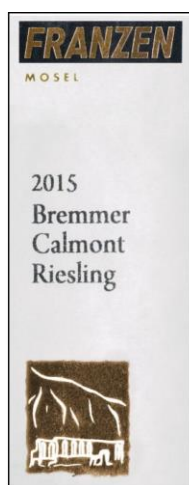


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Brauneberg	Juffer	Maiden
	Juffer-Sonnenuhr	Maiden-Sun Dial
	Kammer	Chamber
	Klostergarten	Monastery Garden
	Mandelgraben	Almond Ditch



Bremm	Abtei Kloster Stuben	Abbey of the Stuben Monastery
	Calmont	Bold Mountain
	Laurentiusberg	Laurence Hill
	Schlemmertröpfchen	Droplet of the Bon Vivant
Briedel	Herzchen	Little Heart
	Nonnengarten	Garden of the Nuns
	Schäferlay	Slate of the Shepherd
	Schelm	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)
	Weisserberg	White Hill
Briedern	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord
	Kappellenberg	Chapel Hill
	Römergarten	Garden of the Romans
	Rüberberger Domherrenberg	Hill of the Cathedral Canons on the 'Rüber' Hill (<i>name of a hill</i>)
	Servatiusberg	Servatius Hill
Brodenbach	Neuwingert	New Vineyard

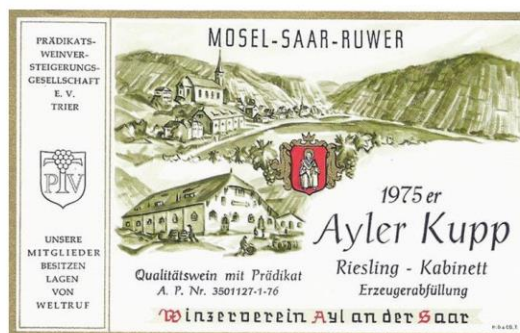


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Bruttig	Götterlay	Slate of the Gods
	Kapellenberg	Chapel Hill
	Pfarrgarten	Parish Garden
	Rathausberg	Townhall Hill
Burg	Falklay	Falcon Slate
	Hahnenschrittchen	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)
	Schlossberg	Castle Hill
	Thomasberg	Thomas Hill
	Wendelstück	Piece of 'Wendel' (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)



Bullay	Brautrock	Wedding Skirt
	Graf Beyssel Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord of Earl Beyssel
	Kroneberg	Crown Hill
	Sonneck	Sun Corner
Burgen (Middle Mosel)	Hasenläufer	Running Rabbits
	Kirchberg	Church Hill
	Römerberg	Hill of the Romans
Burgen (Terrassenmosel)	Bischofstein	Bishop Stone

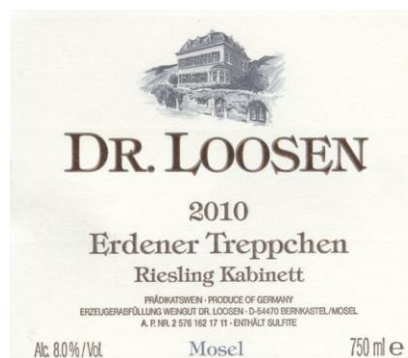
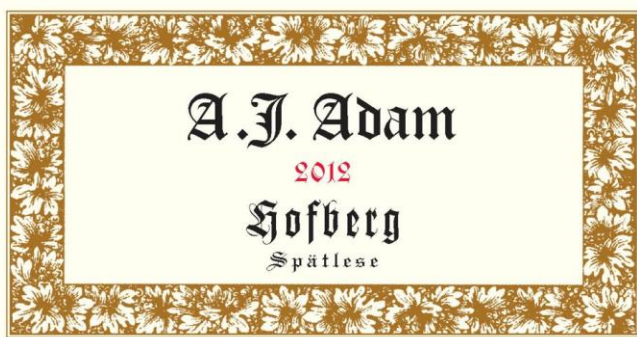


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Cochem	Arzlay	'Arz' Slate
	Bischofsstuhl	Bishop's Chair
	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord
	Hochlay	High Slate
	Klostergarten	Monastery Garden
	Nikolausberg	Nicolas Hill
	Pinnerkreuzberg	Hill of the 'Pinner' Cross
	Rosenberg	Rose Hill
	Schlossberg	Castel Hill
	Sonnenberg	Sun Hill
Cond	Nikolausberg	Nicolas Hill
Detzem	Maximiner Klosterlay	Slate of the Maximin Cloister
	Würzgarten	Spice Garden
Dieblich	Heilgraben	Heal Ditch



Dhron	Grosser Hengelberg	Great 'Hengel' Hill (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)
	Häs'chen	Bunny
	Hofberger	Estate Hill's
	Roterd	Red Earth
Dreis	Johannisberg	John's Hill
Ediger	Elzhofberg	Hill of the Elz Estate
	Feuerberg	Fire Hill
	Osterlämmchen	Little Easter Lamm

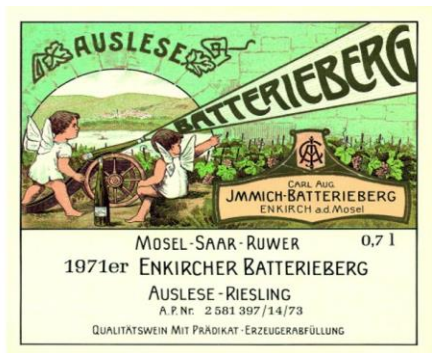


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Eitelsbach	Karthäuserhofberg	Carthusian Estate Hill
	Marienholz	Mary's Wood
Ellenz	Altarberg	Altar Hill
	Kurfürst	Prince-Elector
	Rüberberger Domherrenberg	Hill of the Cathedral Canons on the 'Rüber' Hill (<i>name of a hill</i>)
	Woogberg	'Woog' Hill (<i>derived from a Gewinn name</i>)
Eller	Bienenlay	Slate of the Bees
	Calmont	Bold Mountain
	Engelströpfchen	Angel's Little Droplet
	Höll	Hell
	Kaplay	'Kapp' Slate
	Pfirsichgarten	Peach Garden
	Schützenlay	Shooters' Slate
	Stubener Klostersegen	Blessing of the Stuben Convent



Enkirch	Batterieberg	Canon Hill
	Edelberg	Noble Hill
	Ellergrub	'Eller' Ditch (<i>derived from a Gewinn name</i>)
	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord
	Monteneubel	Noble Mountain
	Steffensberg	Stephen's Hill
	Weinkammer	Wine Chamber
	Zeppwingert	'Zepp' Vineyard (<i>derived from a Gewinn name</i>)
Ensch	Mühlenberg	Hill of the Mills

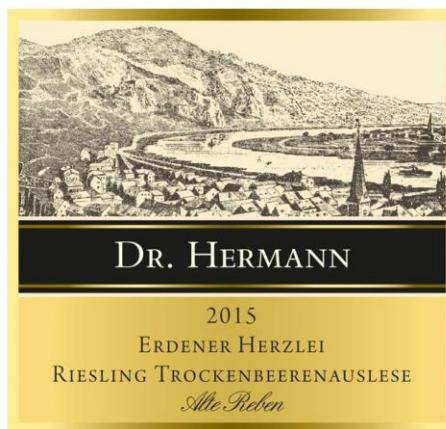
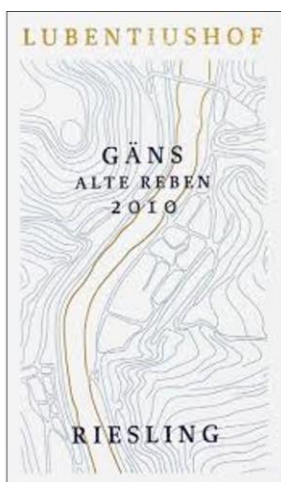


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Erden	Busslay	'Buss' Slate (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)
	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord
	Prälat	Prelate
	Treppchen	Little Staircase
Ernst	Feuerberg	Fire Hill
	Kirchlay	Church Slate



Falkenstein	Hofberg	Estate Hill
Fankel	Kappellenberg	Chapel Hill
	Layenberg	Slate Hill
	Rosenberg	Rose Hill
Fell	Maximiner Burgberg	Hill of the Maximin Castle
Fellerich	Schleiberg	'Schleid' Hill (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)
Filzen	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord
	Pulchen	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)
	Steinberger	Stone Hill's
	Unterberg	Under Hill
	Urbelt	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)
Gondorf	Fuchshöhle	Fox Cave
	Gäns	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)
	Kehrberg	Curve Hill
	Schlossberg	Castle Hill

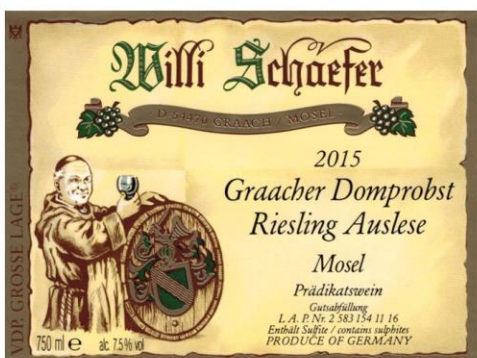


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Graach	Abtsberg	Hill of the Abbott
	Domprobst	Prevost of the Cathedral
	Himmelreich	Kingdom of Heaven
	Josephshöfer	Josef's Estate's
Hamm	Liebfrauenberg	Hill of Our Dear Lady
Hatzenport	Burg Bischofstein	Bischofstein Castle
	Kirchberg	Church Hill
	Stolzenberg	Proud Hill
Helfant	Kapellenberg	Chapel Hill
Igel	Dullgärten	'Dull' Gardens (<i>derived from a Gewinn name</i>)
Irsch	Sonnenberg	Sun Hill
Kaimt	Marienburger	Mary's Castle's
	Rosenborn	Rose Well
Kanzem	Altenberg	Old Hill
	Hörecker	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewinn name</i>)
	Sonnenberg	Sun Hill



Karden	Dechantsberg	Dean's Hill
	Juffermayer	Maiden Wall
	Münsterberg	Münster Hill



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Village / District	Single Vineyard	Translation
Kasel	Dominikanerberg	Hill of the Dominicans
	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord
	Hitzlay	Heat Slate
	Kehrnagel	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewinn name</i>)
	Nies'chen	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewinn name</i>)
	Paulinsberg	Paulin's Hill
	Timpert	No direct meaning (<i>Gewinn name</i>)



Kastel-Stadt	Maximiner Prälat	Maximin's Prelate
Kattenes	Fahrberg	Ferry Hill
	Steinchen	Little Stone
Kenn	Held	Hero
	Maximiner Hofgarten	Maximin's Estate Garden
Kesten	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord
	Paulinsberg	Paulin's Hill
	Paulinshofberger	Paulin Estate's Hill
Kinheim	Hubertuslay	Hubert Slate
	Römerhang	Slope of the Romans
	Rosenberg	Rose Hill
Klotten	Brauneberg	Brown Hill
	Burg Coreidelstein	Coreidelstein Castle
	Rosenberg	Rose Hill



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Klūsserath	Bruderschaft	Confraternity
Kobern	Fahrberg	Ferry Hill
	Schlossberg	Castle Hill
	Uhlen	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)
	Weissenberg	White Hill
Koblenz	Bienengarten	Garden of the Bees
	Hamm	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)
	Hubertusborn	Hubert Well
	Königsfels	King's Rock
	Marienberg	Mary's Hill
Könen	Fels	Rock
	Kirchberg	Church Hill
Konz	auf der Wiltinger Kupp	On Wiltingen's Hillhead
	Euchariusberg	Eucharius Hill
	Karthäuser Klosterberg	Monastery Hill of the Carthusians
Köwerich	Held	Hero
	Laurentiuslay	Laurence Slate
Kreuzweiler	Schloss Thorner Kupp	Hillhead of Thorn Castle



Krettnach	Altenberg	Old Hill
	Euchariusberg	Eucharius Hill

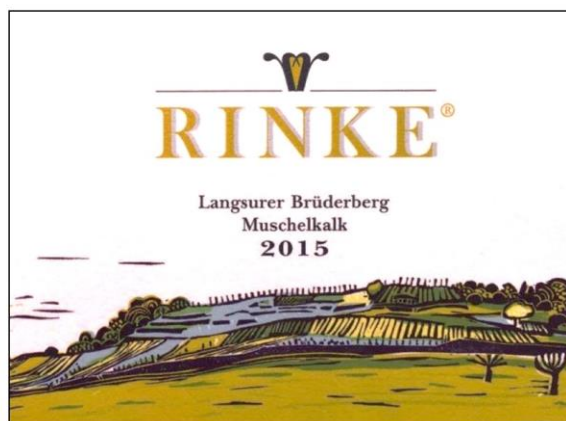
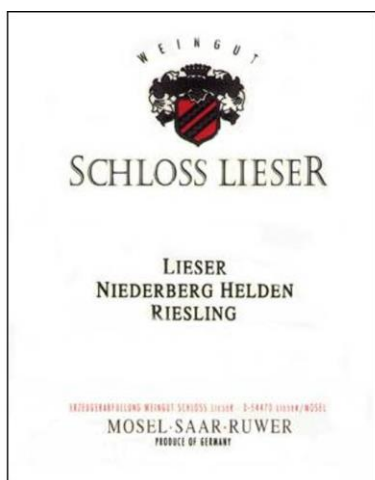


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Kröv	Burglay	Castle Slate
	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord
	Kirchlay	Church Slate
	Letterlay	'Letter' Slate (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)
	Paradies	Paradise
	Steffensberg	Stephen's Hill



Kues	Kardinalsberg	Cardinal's Hill
	Rosenberg	Rose Hill
	Weisenstein	Stone of Wisdom
Langsur	Brüderberg	Hill of the Friars
Leiwen	Klostergarten	Monastery Garden
	Laurentiuslay	Laurence Slate
Lehmen	Ausoniusstein	Stone of Ausonius
	Klosterberg	Monastery Hill
	Lay	Slate
	Würzlay	Spice Slate
Liersberg	Pilgerberg	Hill of the Pilgrims
Lieser	Niederberg Helden	Low Hill Heroes
	Rosenlay	Rose Slate
	Schlossberg	Castle Hill



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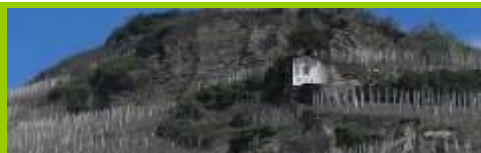
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Löf	Goldblume	Gold Flower
	Sonnenring	Sun Ring
Languich	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord
	Hirschlay	Stag Hill
	Maximiner Herrenberg	Maximin's Hill of the Lord
Lorenzhof	Felslay	Rock Slate
	Mäuerchen	Little Wall
Lösnich	Burgberg	Castle Hill
	Försterlay	Forester's Slate
Maring-Noviad	Honigberg	Honey Hill
	Klosterberg	Monastery Hill
	Lambertuslay	Lambert's Hill
	Römerpfad	Path of the Romans
	Sonnenuhr	Sundial
Maximin Grünhaus	Abtsberg	Hill of the Abbott
	Bruderberg	Hill of the Friar
	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord



Mehring	Blattenberg	'Blatten' Hill (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)
	Goldkupp	Golden Hillhead
	Zellerberg	'Zeller' Hill (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)



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Merl	Adler	Eagle
	Fettgarten	Fat Garden
	Klosterberg	Monastery Hill
	Königslay-Terrassen	King's Slate-Terraces
	Sonneck	Sun Corner
	Stephansberg	Stephen's Hill
Mertesdorf	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord
Mesenich (<i>Terrassenmosel</i>)	Abteiberg	Abbey Hill
	Deuslay	'Deus' Slate
	Goldgrübchen	Little Gold Pit
Mesenich (<i>Obermosel</i>)	Held	Hero
Minheim	Burglay	Castle Slate
	Kapellchen	Little Chapel
	Günterslay	Günter's Slate
	Rosenberg	Rose Hill
Monzel	Kätzchen	Kitten
	Paulinslay	Paulin's Slate
Morscheid	Heiligenhäuschen	Little Saints Chapel



Moselkern	Rosenberg	Rose Hill
	Kirchberg	Church Hill
	Übereltzer	'Over Eltz'
Moselsürsch	Fahrberg	Ferry Hill



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Müden	Funkenberg	Sparkle Hill
	St. Castorhöhle	St. Castor Cave
Mülheim	Amtgarten	Office Garden
	Elisenberg	Elise Hill
	Helenenkloster	Helen Convent
	Sonnenlay	Sun Slate



Neef	Frauenberg	Women's Hill
	Petersberg	Peter's Hill
	Rosenberg	Rose Hill
Nehren	Römerberg	Hill of the Romans
Nennig	Römerberg	Hill of the Romans
	Schlossberg	Castle Hill
Neumagen	Engelgrube	Angel Ditch
	Laudamusberg	Praise Hill
	Nusswingert	Nut Garden
	Rosengärtchen	Little Rose Garden
	Sonnenuhr	Sundial
Niederfell	Fächern	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewinn name</i>)
	Goldlay	Gold Slate
	Kahllay	Bold Slate



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Niedermennig	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord
	Sonnenberg	Sun Hill
Nittel	Blümchen	Little flower
	Leiterchen	Little Ladder
	Rochusfels	Rock of [Saint] Roch
Oberbillig	Hirtengarten	Shepherd's Garden
	Römerberg	Hill of the Romans
Oberemmel	Agritiusberg	Agritius Hill
	Altenberg	Old Hill
	Hütte	Hut
	Karlsberg	Charles' Hill
	Raul	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewinn name</i>)
	Rosenberg	Rose Hill
Oberfell	Brauneberg	Brown Hill
	Goldlay	Gold Slate
	Rosenberg	Rose Hill
Ockfen	Bockstein	Buck Rock
	Geisberg	Goat Hill



Onsdorf	Hubertusberg	Hubert Hill
Osann	Kirchlay	Church Slate
	Rosenberg	Rose Hill

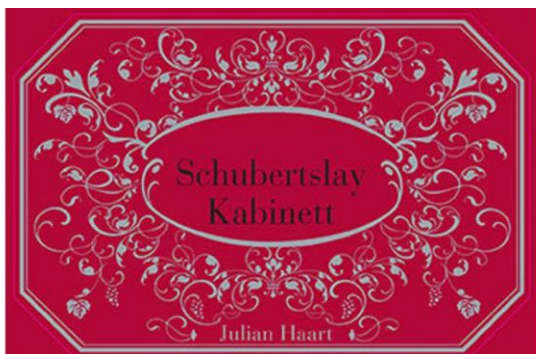


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Palzem	Carlsfelsen	Charles' Rocks
	Lay	Slate
Pellingen	Herrgottsrock	Cloth of the Lord
Perl	Hasenberg	Rabbit Hill
	St. Quiriniusberg	Hill of St. Quirinius
Piesport	Domherr	Cathedral Canon
	Falkenberg	Falcon Hill
	Gärtchen	Little Garden
	Goldtröpfchen	Little Droplet of Gold
	Grafenberg	Earl's Hill
	Günterslay	Günter's Slate
	Kreuzwingert	Vineyard of the Cross
	Schubertslay	Schubert's Slate
	Treppchen	Little Staircase



Platten	Klosterberg	Monastery Hill
Pölich	Held	Hero
Poltersdorf	Altarberg	Altar Hill
	Kurfürst	Prince-Elector
Pommern	Goldberg	Gold Hill
	Rosenberg	Rose Hill
	Sonnenuhr	Sundial
	Zeisel	No univocal meaning (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)



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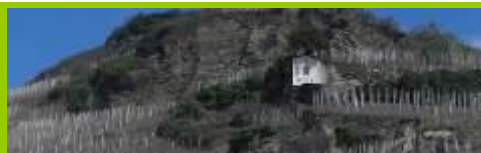
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Pünderich	Goldlay	Gold Slate
	Marienburg	Virgin Mary Castle
	Nonnengarten	Nuns' Garden
	Rosenberg	Rose Hill
Rehlingen	Kapellenberg	Churchhill
Reil	Falklay	Falcon Slate
	Goldlay	Gold Slate
	Moullay-Hofberg	Hill of the 'Moullay' Estate (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)
	Sorentberg	'Sorent' Hill (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)
	Römerberg	Hill of the Romans
Rivenich	Brauneberg	Brown Hill
	Geisberg	Goat Hill
	Niederberg	Low Hill
	Rosenberg	Rose Hill



Saarburg	Fuchs	Fox
	Klosterberg	Monastery Hill
	Kupp	Hillhead
	Laurentiusberg	Laurence Hill
	Rausch	Inebriation
	Schlossberg	Castle Hill
	Stirn	Forehead

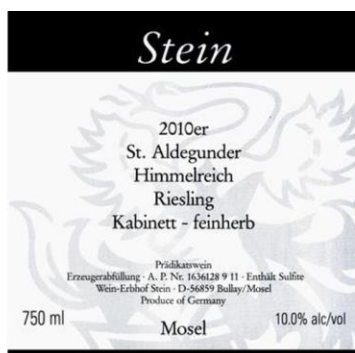


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Sankt Aldegund	Himmelreich	Kingdom of Heaven
	Klosterkammer	Monastery Chamber
	Palmberg-Terrassen	Palm Hill-Terraces
Schleich	Klosterberg	Monastery Hill
	Sonnenberg	Sun Hill
Schoden	Geisberg	Goat Hill
	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord
	Saarfeilser Marienberg	Marys' Hill of the Saar Rock
Schweich	Annaberg	Hill of Anna
	Burgmauer	Castle Wall
	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord
Sehl	Bischofsstuhl	Bishop's Chair
	Hochlay	High Slate
Sehndorf	Marienberg	Mary's Hill
	Klosterberg	Monastery Hill



Senheim	Bienengarten	Bees' Garden
	Lay	Slate
	Rosenberg	Rose Hill
	Rüberberger Domherrenberg	Hill of the Cathedral Canons on the 'Rüber' Hill (<i>name of a hill</i>)
	Vogteiberg	Bailiwick Hill
	Wahrsager	Truth Teller



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Serrig	Antoniusberg	Antony's Hill
	Heiligenborn	Saints Well
	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord
	König Johann Berg	King John Hill
	Kupp	Hillhead
	Schloss Saarfelser Schlossberg	Castle Hill of 'Saarfels' Castle
	Schloss Saarsteiner	'Saarstein' Castle's
	Vogelsang	Bird's Song
	Würzburg	Spice Hill



Sommerau	Schlossberg	Castle Hill
Starkenbourg	Rosengarten	Rose Garden
Temmls	St. Georgshof	St. Georges Estate
Thörnich	Enggass	Narrow Lane
	Ritsch	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewinn name</i>)
	Schiesslay	Slate of 'Schiess'
Traben	Gaispfad	Goat Path
	Königsberg	King's Hill
	Kräuterhaus	Herb House
	Würzgarten	Spice Garden
	Zollturm	Customs Tower



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Trarbach	Burgberg	Fortress Hill
	Hühnerberg	Chicken Hill
	Kreuzberg	Cross Hill
	Schlossberg	Castle Hill
	Taubenhaus	Pigeon House
	Ungsberg	'Ung' Hill (<i>derived from a Gewinn name</i>)
Treis	Greth	No direct meaning (<i>from Treiser Gretchen, a brand in the 1930s</i>)
	Kapellenberg	Chapel Hill
	Treppchen	Little Staircase



Trier	Andreasberg	Andrew Hill
	Augenscheiner	Eye Shiner
	Benediktinerberg	Hill of the Benedictines
	Burgberg	Fortress Hill
	Deutscherherrenberg	Hill of the Teutonic Order
	Deutscherherrenköpfchen	Little Hillhead of the Teutonic Order
	Domherrenberg	Hill of the Cathedral Canons
	Jesuitenwingert	Garden of the Jesuits
	Kurfürstenhofberg	Hill of the Prince-Elector Estate
	St. Martin Hofberg	Hill of the St. Martin Estate
	St. Martin Klosterberg	Hill of the St. Martin Monastery
	St. Mattheiser	St. Martin's
	St. Maximiner Kreuzberg	Hill of the St. Maximin Cross
	St. Petrusberg	Hill of St. Peter
	Thiergarten Felsköpfchen	Little Rockhead of the Animal Garden
	Thiergarten Unterm Kreuz	Animal Garden below the Cross



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Trittenheim	Altärchen	Little Altar
	Apotheke	Farmacy
	Felsenkopf	Rockhead
	Leiterchen	Little Ladder
Ürzig	Goldwingert	Gold Vineyard
	Würzgarten	Spice Garden
Valwig	Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord
	Schwarzenberg	Black Hill
Veldenz	Carlsberg	Charles' Hill
	Elisenberg	Elise Hill
	Grafschafter Sonnenberg	Sunny Hill of the County
	Kirchberg	Church Hill
	Mühlberg	Mill's Hill



Waldrach	Ehrenberg	Praise Hill
	Jesuitengarten	Jesuits' Garden
	Krone	Crown
	Laurentiusberg	Laurence Hill
	Meisenberg	Titmouses' Hill
	Sonnenberg	Sun Hill
Wasserliesch	Albachtaler	From the Albach [Brook] Valley
	Reinig auf der Burg	'Reinig' upon Castle (derived from a Gewinn name)



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Wawern	Goldberg	Gold Hill
	Herrenberger	Hill of the Lord
	Jesuitenberg	Hill of the Jesuits
	Ritterpfad	Knight's Path
Wehlen	Abtei	Abbey
	Klosterberg	Monastery Hill
	Nonnenberg	Nuns' Hill
	Rosenberg	Rose Hill
	Sonnenuhr	Sundial
Wehr	Rosenberg	Rose Hill
Wellen	Altenberg	Old Hill
Wiltingen	Braune Kupp	Brown Hillhead
	Braunfels	Brown Rock
	Gottesfuss	God's Foot
	Hölle	Hell
	Klosterberg	Monastery Hill
	Kupp	Hillhead
	Rosenberg	Rose Hill
	Sandberg	Sand Hill
	Scharzhofberg *	Hill of the 'Scharz' Estate
	Schlangengraben	Snake Pit
	Schlossberg	Castle Hill



* Legally, Scharzhofberg is a district separate from Wiltingen but put here as it is fully inside the village of Wiltingen.



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Wincheringen	Burg Warsberg	[Lords of] Warsberg Castle
	Fuchsloch	Fox Hole
Winningen	Brückstück	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewinn name</i>)
	Domgarten	Cathedral Garden
	Hamm	Bend (<i>in local dialect</i>)
	Röttgen	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewinn name</i>)
	Uhlen	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewinn name</i>)
Wintrich	Geierslay	Slate of the Vulture
	Grosser Herrgott	Great Lord
	Ohligsberg	'Ohlig' Hill (<i>derived from a Gewinn name</i>)
	Stefanslay	Stephen's Slate



Wittlich	Bottchen	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewinn name</i>)
	Felsentreppechen	Little Rock Staircase
	Klosterweg	Monastery Path
	Lay	Slate
	Portnersberg	'Portner' Hill (<i>derived from a Gewinn name</i>)
	Rosenberg	Rose Hill
Wolf	Auf der Heide	On the Heath
	Goldgrube	Gold Pit
	Klosterberg	Monastery Hill
	Schatzgarten	Treasure Garden
	Sonnenlay	Sun Slate



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Zell	Burglay-Felsen	Castle Slate-Rocks
	Domherrenberg	Hill of the Cathedral Canons
	Geisberg	Goat Hill
	Kreuzlay	Cross Slate
	Nussberg	Nut Hill
	Petersborn-Kabertchen	No direct meaning (<i>derived from two Gewann names</i>)
	Pommerell	No direct meaning (<i>derived from a Gewann name</i>)
	Römerquelle	Spring of the Romans
Zeltingen	Deutscherherrenberg	Hill of the Teutonic Order
	Himmelreich	Kingdom of Heaven
	Schlossberg	Castle Hill
	Sonnenuhr	Sundial





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Abtei	Abbey
Abteiberg	Abbey Hill
Abtei Kloster Stuben	Abbey of the Stuben Monastery
Abtsberg	Hill of the Abbott
Adler	Eagle
Agritiusberg	Agritius Hill
Albachtaler	From the Albach [<i>Brook</i>] Valley
Altarberg	Altar Hill
Altärchen	Little Altar
Alte Badstube am Doctorberg	Old Bathhouse at the Doctor Hill
Altenberg	Old Hill
Amtgarten	Office Garden
Andreasberg	Andrew Hill
Annaberg	Hill of Anna
Antoniusberg	Antony's Hill
Apotheke	Farmacy
Arzlay	'Arz' Slate
Augenscheiner	Eye Shiner
Auf der Heide	On the Heath
auf der Wiltinger Kupp	On Wiltingen's Hillhead
Ausoniusstein	Stone of Ausonius
Batterieberg	Canon Hill
Benediktinerberg	Hill of the Benedictines
Bienengarten	Garden of the Bees
Bienenlay	Slate of the Bees
Bischofsstuhl	Bishop's Chair
Bischofstein	Bishop Stone
Blattenberg	'Blatten' Hill
Blümchen	Little flower
Bockstein	Buck Rock
Bottchen	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Bratenhöfchen	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Brauneberg	Brown Hill
Braune Kupp	Brown Hillhead
Braunfels	Brown Rock
Brautrock	Wedding Skirt
Brückstück	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Bruderberg	Hill of the Friar
Brüderberg	Hill of the Friars
Bruderschaft	Confraternity
Burgberg	Fortress Hill
Burg Bischofstein	Bischofstein Castle
Burg Coreidelstein	Coreidelstein Castle
Burggraf	Castellan
Burglay	Castle Slate
Burglay-Felsen	Castle Slate-Rocks

Vineyard Name	Translation
Burgmauer	Castle Wall
Burg Warsberg	[<i>Lords of</i>] Warsberg Castle
Busslay	'Buss' Slate
Calmont	Bold Mountain
Carlsberg	Charles' Hill
Carlsfelsen	Charles' Rocks
Dechantsberg	Dean's Hill
Deuslay	'Deus' Slate
Deutscherrenberg	Hill of the Teutonic Order
Deutscherrenköpfchen	Little Hillhead of the Teutonic Order
Doktor	Doctor
Domgarten	Cathedral Garden
Domherr	Cathedral Canon
Domherrenberg	Hill of the Cathedral Canons
Domprobst	Prevost of the Cathedral
Dominikanerberg	Hill of the Dominicans
Dullgärten	'Dull' Gardens
Edelberg	Noble Hill
Ehrenberg	Praise Hill
Elisenberg	Elise Hill
Ellergrub	'Eller' Ditch
Elzhofberg	Hill of the Elz Estate
Engelgrube	Angel Ditch
Engelströpfchen	Angel's Droplet
Enggass	Narrow Lane
Eucharisberg	Eucharis Hill
Fächern	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Fahrberg	Ferry Hill
Falkenberg	Falcon Hill
Falklay	Falcon Slate
Fels	Rock
Felsenkopf	Rockhead
Felsentreppechen	Little Rock Staircase
Felslay	Rock Slate
Fettgarten	Fat Garden
Feuerberg	Fire Hill
Försterlay	Forester's Slate
Frauenberg	Women's Hill
Fuchs	Fox
Fuchshöhle	Fox Cave
Fuchsloch	Fox Hole
Funkenberg	Sparkle Hill
Gaispfad	Goat Path
Gäns	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Gärtchen	Little Garden
Geierslay	Slate of the Vulture

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Geisberg	Goat Hill
Goldblume	Gold Flower
Goldgrübchen	Little Gold Pit
Goldgrube	Gold Pit
Goldkupp	Golden Hillhead
Goldlay	Gold Slate
Goldschatz	Gold treasure
Goldtröpfchen	Little Droplet of Gold
Goldwingert	Gold Vineyard
Gottesfuss	God's Foot
Götterlay	Slate of the Gods
Graben	Ditch
Graf Beyssel Herrenberg	Hill of the Lord of Earl Beyssel
Grafenberg	Earl's Hill
Grafschafter Sonnenberg	Sunny Hill of the County
Greth	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Grosser Hengelberg	Great 'Hengel' Hill
Grosser Herrgott	Great Lord
Günterslay	Günter's Slate
Hahnenschrittchen	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Hamm	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Hammerstein	German politician
Häs'chen	Bunny
Hasenberg	Rabbit Hill
Hasenläufer	Running Rabbits
Heilgraben	Heal Ditch
Heiligenborn	Saints Well
Heiligenhäuschen	Little Saints Chapel
Held	Hero
Helenenkloster	Helen Convent
Herrenberg(er)	Hill of the Lord
Herrgottsrock	Cloth of the Lord
Herzchen	Little Heart
Herzlay	Heart Slate
Himmelreich	Kingdom of Heaven
Hirschlay	Stag Hill
Hirtengarten	Shepherd's Garden
Hitzlay	Heat Slate
Hochlay	High Slate
Hofberg(er)	Estate Hill('s)
Höll(e)	Hell
Honigberg	Honey Hill
Hörecker	<i>No direct meaning (derived from a Gewinn name)</i>
Hubertusberg	Hubert Hill
Hubertusborn	Hubert Well
Hubertuslay	Hubert Slate

Vineyard Name	Translation
Hühnerberg	Chicken Hill
Hunnenstein	Stone of the Huns
Hütte	Hut
Jesuitenberg	Hill of the Jesuits
Jesuitengarten	Jesuits' Garden
Jesuitenwingert	Garden of the Jesuits
Johannisberg	John's Hill
Johannisbrünnchen	Johann's Fountain
Josephshöfer	Josef's Estate's
Juffer	Maiden
Juffermauer	Maiden Wall
Juffer-Sonnenuhr	Maiden-Sun Dial
Kahllay	Bold Slate
Kammer	Chamber
Kapellchen	Little Chapel
Kapellenberg	Chapel Hill
Kapplay	'Kapp' Slate
Kardinalsberg	Cardinal's Hill
Karlsberg	Charles' Hill
Karthäuserhofberg	Carthusian Estate Hill
Karthäuser Klosterberg	Monastery Hill of the Carthusians
Kätzchen	Kitten
Katzenkopf	Cat's Head
Kehrberg	Curve Hill
Kehrnagel	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Kirchberg	Church Hill
Kirchlay	Church Slate
Klosterberg	Cloister Hill
Klostergarten	Monastery Garden
Klosterkammer	Monastery Chamber
Klosterweg	Monastery Path
König Johann Berg	King John Hill
Königsberg	King's Hill
Königsfels	King's Rock
Königslay-Terrassen	King's Slate-Terraces
Kräuterhaus	Herb House
Kreuzberg	Cross Hill
Kreuzlay	Cross Slate
Kreuzwingert	Vineyard of the Cross
Krone	Crown
Kroneberg	Crown Hill
Kronenberg	Crown Hill
Kupp	Hillhead
Kurfürst	Prince-Elector
Kurfürstenhofberg	Hill of the Prince-Elector Estate
Lambertuslay	Lambert's Hill

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Laudamusberg	Praise Hill
Laurentiusberg	Laurence Hill
Laurentiuslay	Laurence Slate
Lay	Slate
Layenberg	Slate Hill
Leiterchen	Little Ladder
Letterlay	'Letter' Slate
Liebfrauenberg	Hill of Our Dear Lady
Mandelgraben	Almond Ditch
Marienberg	Mary's Hill
Marienburg(er)	Mary's Castle('s)
Marienholtz	Mary's Wood
Matheisbildchen	Prayer Card of Mathew
Mäuerchen	Little Wall
Maximiner Burgberg	Hill of the Maximin Castle
Maximiner Herrenberg	Maximin's Hill of the Lord
Maximiner Hofgarten	Maximin's Estate Garden
Maximiner Klosterlay	Slate of the Maximin Cloister
Maximiner Prälat	Maximin's Prelate
Meisenberg	Titmouses' Hill
Monteneubel	Noble Mountain
Moullay-Hofberg	Hill of the 'Moullay' Estate
Mühlberg	Mill's Hill
Mühlenberg	Hill of the Mills
Münsterberg	Münster Hill
Neuwingert	New Vineyard
Niederberg	Low Hill
Niederberg Helden	Low Hill Heroes
Nies'chen	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Nikolausberg	Nicolas Hill
Nonnenberg	Nuns' Hill
Nonnengarten	Garden of the Nuns
Nussberg	Nut Hill
Nusswingert	Nut Garden
Ohligsberg	'Ohlig' Hill
Osterlämmchen	Little Easter Lamm
Palmberg-Terrassen	Palm Hill-Terraces
Paradies	Paradise
Paulinsberg	Paulin's Hill
Paulinshofberger	Paulin Estate's Hill
Paulinslay	Paulin's Slate
Petersberg	Peter's Hill
Petersborn-Kabertchen	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Pfarrgarten	Parish Garden
Pfirsichgarten	Peach Garden
Pilgerberg	Hill of the Pilgrims

Vineyard Name	Translation
Pinnerkreuzberg	Hill of the 'Pinner' Cross
Pommerell	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Portnersberg	'Portner' Hill
Prälat	Prelate
Pulchen	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Rathausberg	Townhall Hill
Rausch	Inebriation
Raul	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Reinig auf der Burg	'Reinig' upon Castle
Ritsch	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Ritterpfad	Knight's Path
Rochusfels	Rock of [Saint] Roch
Römerberg	Hill of the Romans
Römerhang	Slope of the Romans
Römergarten	Garden of the Romans
Römerpfad	Path of the Romans
Römerquelle	Spring of the Romans
Rosenberg	Rose Hill
Rosenborn	Rose Well
Rosengärtchen	Little Rose Garden
Rosenlay	Rose Slate
Roterd	Red Earth
Röttgen	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Rüberberger Domherrenberg	Hill of the Cathedral Canons on the 'Rüber' Hill
Saarfeiler Marienberg	Mary's Hill of the Saar Rock
Sandberg	Sand Hill
Schäferlay	Slate of the Shepherd
Scharzhofberg *	Hill of the 'Scharz' Estate
Schatzgarten	Treasure Garden
Scheidterberg	Firewood Hill
Schiesslay	Slate of 'Schiess'
Schelm	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Schlangengraben	Snake Pit
Schleiberg	'Schleid' Hill
Schlemmertröpfchen	Droplet of the Bon Vivant
Schlossberg	Castle Hill
Schloss Saarfels Schlossberg	Castle Hill of 'Saarfels' Castle
Schloss Saarsteiner	'Saarstein' Castle's
Schloss Thorner Kupp	Hillhead of Thorn Castle
Schubertslay	Schubert's Slate
Schützenlay	Shooters' Slate
Schwarzenberg	Black Hill
Servatiusberg	Servatius Hill
Silberberg	Silver Hill
Sonneck	Sun Corner
Sonnenberg	Sun Hill

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VINEYARD NAMES | CURRENT OFFICIAL LIST (BY NAME) AND ITS TRANSLATION (CONT'D)

Vineyard Name	Translation
Sonnenlay	Sun Slate
Sonnenring	Sun Ring
Sonnenuhr	Sundial
Sorentberg	'Sorent' Hill
St. Castorhöhle	St. Castor Cave
Stefanslay	Stephen's Slate
Steffensberg	Stephen's Hill
Steinberger	Stone Hill's
Steinchen	Little Stone
Stephansberg	Stephen's Hill
Stephanus-Rosengärtchen	Stephen's Rose Garden
St. Georgshof	St. Georges Estate
Stirn	Forehead
St. Martiner Hofberg	Hill of the St. Martin Estate
St. Martiner Klosterberg	Hill of the St. Martin Monastery
St. Mattheiser	St. Martin's
St. Maximiner Kreuzberg	Hill of the St. Maximin Cross
Stolzenberg	Proud Hill
St. Quiriniusberg	Hill of St. Quirinius
St. Petrusberg	Hill of St. Peter
Stubener Klostersegen	Blessing of the Stuben Convent
Taubenhaus	Pigeon House
Thiergarten Felsköpfchen	Little Rockhead of the Animal Garden
Thiergarten Unterm Kreuz	Animal Garden below the Cross

Vineyard Name	Translation
Thomasberg	Thomas Hill
Timpert	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Treppchen	Little Staircase
Übereltzer	'Over Eltz'
Uhlen	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Ungsberg	'Ung' Hill
Unterberg	Under Hill
Urbelt	<i>No direct meaning</i>
Vogelsang	Bird's Song
Vogteiberg	Bailiwick Hill
Wahrsager	Truth Teller
Weinkammer	Wine Chamber
Weisenstein	Stone of Wisdom
Weissenberg	White Hill
Weisserberg	White Hill
Wendelstück	Piece of 'Wendel'
Woogberg	'Woog' Hill
Würtzberg	Spice Hill
Würzgarten	Spice Garden
Würzlay	Spice Slate
Zeisel	<i>No univocal meaning</i>
Zeppwingert	'Zepp' Vineyard
Zellerberg	'Zeller' Hill
Zollturm	Customs Tower



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Koehler-Ruprecht | Saumagen Trocken R Vertical (2018 – 1990)

We had the chance to participate to a tasting spanning the whole range of the mythical Kallstadter Saumagen Trocken R / RR bottlings of Weingut Koehler-Ruprecht. This unique opportunity more than underlined the greatness of this wine. Here is the report.



KOEHLER-RUPRECHT SAUMAGEN TROCKEN R AND RR | THE WINE

Weingut Koehler-Ruprecht is a rather small Estate (with no more than 11 ha of vineyards) located in Kallstadt, in the northern part of the Pfalz (Palatinate) region. The Estate can look back at a long history but its ascent to fame only came recently, under the impulse of Bernd Philippi. He spent a lot of focus on vineyard management and relied, among others, on spontaneous fermentation and extended lees contact. As a result, by the early 1990s, Koehler-Ruprecht had already established itself as a leading producer of great dry Riesling in the world, alongside his friend Bernhard Breuer from Weingut Georg Breuer in the Rheingau.

The Estate's flagship bottlings proved to be its R (where R stands for Reserve) and RR bottlings which soon reached cult status among Riesling lovers. The Estate was eventually sold in 2009 to the Sauvage family, owner of the Burn Cottage Vineyard Property, in Central Otago (New Zealand), and Bernd Philippi slowly handed over its management to Dominik Sona, who officially joined in 2010. He was then joined by Franziska Schmitt in 2013. The Estate stuck to its key principles of bottling Spätlese and Auslese Trocken bottlings, including for its R and RR bottlings. Consequently, it decided to leave the VDP in 2014, when it felt that the new VDP vineyard classification requirements would have put its wine portfolio structure into jeopardy.

The pride and central vineyard of the Estate is the Kallstadter Saumagen (literally meaning "pig stomach"). As Dominik Sona explained, "this vineyard benefits from a privileged terroir made of limestone and loess in its southern part, which is facing full south. We also have some vines in the northern part of the vineyard, which is facing more towards the east, on a soil with more terra rosa presence. When you look at the grapes, they are no different than those from other vineyards in Kallstadt. But the resulting wines from the Saumagen have always something special, something more: More complexity, more presence, and more elegance. In addition, the vineyard has no special problem with humidity or fog, so the grapes remain clean and botrytis-free right up to the harvesting time, which is perfect for the production of dry Riesling!"



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The Saumagen vineyard went through the *Flurbereinigung* (land consolidation) process in the 1980s, and the terraces with vines planted east to west were replaced by north to south facing row of vines on gentle slopes. The south-facing sector was replanted in 1984 and the east-facing sector in 1988, which means that all the first R wines were produced with relatively young vines.



Regarding its coveted R and RR bottlings, there are no set rules: "Usually, we pick the grapes for the R and RR bottlings late from Spätlese and Auslese selections in the south-facing part of the vineyard. We put particular emphasis on the quality of the grapes and on grape selections. After that, all grapes, be them for R / RR bottlings or not, undergo the same treatment. They see some pre-fermentation maceration before being crushed and the juice transferred for fermentation and aging into old oak barrels (600 and 1,200-liter *Stück*, as well as some 300 and 1,500-liter). The wines are then all bottled at roughly the same time."

Given the quality requirements on the R and RR bottlings, these are not produced in every vintage. Also, some vintages may yield a Spätlese R, or an Spätlese RR, or an Auslese R, or an Auslese RR ... or a combination of all. "This depends on the DNA of the vintage," says Dominic Sona.

Already during the days of Bernd Philippi, the R and RR bottlings were held back and only released years after the vintage. This approach was continued and given more structure over the last decade. For completion, we provide here a summary table with the commercial release dates and which R / RR bottling was produced in which vintage:

	Commercial Release (Years after the Vintage)	Vintages produced
Spätlese Trocken R	4	2018, 2015, 2012, 2011, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2001, 1990
Spätlese Trocken RR	5	2007, 1990
Auslese Trocken R	6	2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2012, 2011, 2009, 2008, 2008, 2005, 2004, 2001, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1990
Auslese Trocken RR	7	2009, 2007
Vintages without any R	2013, 2010, 2006, 2003, 2002*, 1999, 1995*, 1994, 1993*, 1992*, 1991 (* a fruity-styled Spätlese or Auslese R was produced in this vintage)	



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KOEHLER-RUPRECHT SAUMAGEN TROCKEN R AND RR | VERTICAL CONCLUSIONS

The tasting was hosted by Dominik Sona and Franz Schmitt at the hotel-restaurant Weinhaus Henninger (just across the road from the Estate) last Winter before the widespread outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in Europe. It covered all Koehler Ruprecht's Saumagen Trocken R and RR wines ever produced (except for some 1990 ones) and is certainly the most complete ever done from these wines. All wines tasted were magnums from the Estate's cellar library, as it bottles approx. 10 magnums of every Saumagen Trocken R / RR release which are never released commercially. The magnums were opened in advance and decanted into 75cl bottles before the tasting. The tasting was not blind.

There is one over-riding conclusion that emerged from this unique review: The Saumagen Trocken R / RR is one of the iconic dry Riesling in the world. As all genuinely great wines, it shines through presence, finesse, and elegance. Great Saumagen Trocken R / RR is often quite easy to spot: First, there are a few minutes of non-saying, almost muted scents of chalk and herbs. Then, slowly, going crescendo, some breathtakingly pure and airy scents of almond cream, yellow fruits, candied grapefruit, thyme, minty herbs, and white peach emerge and bring life to the experience. The wines can have body and presence on the palate (after all, this IS the Pfalz), but it is rarely heavy or broad.

The wine does excessively well in comparatively cooler vintages such as 2016 or 2012, to name a few recent vintages. But also 2018 and 2017 seem set for a great future. Anyone able to lay their hands on Saumagen Trocken R bottlings from the 1990s will be in for a mind-blowing experience. These wines are simply stunning. In particular, the 1996 is sheer perfection and among the finest dry Riesling ever produced.

Besides the absolutely perfect 1996, the highlights of the tasting were the 2016, 2001, 1990, and 1997:

1996er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	18 97	100
2016er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	15 17	98+
2001er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	16 02	98
1990er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	21 91	98
1997er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	25 98	97

The Estate did seem however to have gone through a slightly less remarkable period from 2005 until 2011. Do not get us wrong: Many wines are more than outstanding, but they simply do not seem to match the awe-inspiring airy intensity of the period before and the wines produced since 2012. There is one major exception, namely the 2008er Saumagen Spätlese Trocken R, which is up there, with the other classics from this vineyard and Estate.

Lastly, we could not fail to be surprised at how well Saumagen Trocken R / RR bottlings can handle alcohol. From our experience, 13.5% alcohol and Riesling hardly ever make a match in heaven, and 14% and Riesling even less so. But several of the finest Saumagen Trocken R / RR bottlings were happily handling this, even after two decades in the bottle or more. Have we found the exception to our rule?

Overall, the possibility to taste so many of the great Saumagen Trocken R / RR bottlings in such impeccable experience only confirmed our tastings over the years and our overall impression: These are among the finest Riesling on the market!

The beauty with this Estate is that many of the wines which we tasted have not yet been released or have just been released. Also, prices for recent releases have not (yet) skyrocketed. Despite the limited production, these wines can be found on the market for pretty reasonable prices. Lovers of Riesling excellence should therefore make sure they stock up on the stunning bottlings produced here in 2016, 2017, and 2018 ... and skim through auction catalogues to try and unearth some of the older legends.

Happy hunting!



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KOEHLER-RUPRECHT SAUMAGEN TROCKEN R AND RR | TASTING NOTES



2018er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Spätlese Trocken R	16 19	93
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The 2018er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Spätlese Trocken R (to be released in 2022) offers an elegant, pure, and refined nose of white flowers, yellow peach, cardamom, minty herbs, thyme, quince, a hint of camphor, and melon. The wine starts off on a rather light and fruit-driven side on the round and creamy but also gorgeously refined palate. It then develops more intensity and even a touch of power towards the spicy finish full of grip. A touch of tartness still needs to integrate in the after-taste of this gorgeous wine, something which will have happened in a few years. 2025-2038

2018er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	18 19	93+
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The 2018er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R (to be released in 2024) is driven by some fascinating reductive elements and smoke at first, before some beautiful scents of spices, white pepper, ginger, pineapple, hints of camphor, and a dash of dried exotic fruits kick in. Whipped cream and some ripe fruits make for a comparatively smooth and juicy texture on the overall very elegant and refined palate. There is a sense of presence and intensity running through the wine, but it is well wrapped into tighter elements including flavors of white mint, herbs, and good grip. This gorgeous wine now just needs a few years of bottle aging in order to integrate its elements. We would not be surprised if it then even exceeds our high expectations, especially as it retains this sense of finesse at maturity. 2025-2038

2017er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Spätlese Trocken R	12 18	95+
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The 2017er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Spätlese Trocken R (to be released in 2021, i.e. later this year) only gradually reveals its most exquisite nose of herbs, thyme, tar, dried fruits, yellow peach, and candied grapefruit, all enhanced with a stunningly refreshing touch of mint with further airing. The wine develops great presence and a nice sense of grip on the gorgeously engaging palate driven by ripe acidity, spices, salty elements, grapefruit, and citrusy elements. It proves gorgeously focused, fully dry, and youthful in the racy and hugely appealing finish. This little jewel of a dry Riesling still needs many years to fully shine. But the potential is truly immense here. What a great success in the making! 2027-2047

2017er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	14 18	94
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The 2017er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R (to be released in 2023) is still rather restrained and takes a few minutes to reveal its engaging nose made of minty elements, chalk, spices, yellow flowers, candied grapefruit, and pineapple, all wrapped into some almond-driven bakery elements. The wine develops a great sense of ripe fruits on the juicy and creamy palate. These are nicely whipped up by a great kick of refreshing and playful acidity despite the smoother side of the finish. Herbal elements and some residual tartness make for a superb after-taste. This is still clearly not be fully ready, but the raw materials are stunning. This is a great even if big expression of dry Riesling in the making! 2025-2037+

2016er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	15 17	98+
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The 2016er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R (to be released in 2022) immediately capture's one attention with all the hallmarks scents of the great young dry Saumagen wines, i.e. a few minutes of non-saying, almost closed scents of chalk and herbs following by a some increasingly breathtaking scents of almond cream, yellow fruits, candied grapefruit, thyme, minty herbs, and white peach. The wine proves gorgeously playful and complex on the palate, where it develops a "Montrachet"-like fullness paired with precision and density. It is stunningly pure and precise in the intense and focused finish. While this wine is still years away from reaching its peak, it is already clear now that this little gem is on its way to become one of greatest Koehler-Ruprecht Saumagen Trocken R bottlings ever. The potential is mind-blowing and we would not be surprised if it eventually proves a perfect wine. 2026-2056



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2015er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Spätlese Trocken R	24 16	96+
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The 2015er Kallstadter Saumagen Spätlese Trocken R offers a complex and refined nose driven by this splendid sense of reduction sometimes found in white Burgundies driven by grilled citrusy flavors. These are then gradually enhanced and filled in notes of grapefruit, smoke, dried herbs, candied fruits, mint, and white chalky minerals. The wine develops a juicy and plain palate, where more candied fruits join the party. Despite the touch of exuberance, the wine proves beautifully compact, focused, and superbly zesty. It then develops more presence as powerful spicy and even salty elements come through in the intense, hugely long, and zesty finish. This dry Riesling goes from strength to strength since first tasted, in October 2017, and we would even not be surprised if it will show even better at maturity. It completely defies the riper side of the vintage and is set to become one of the greatest white wines of the vintage. What a magnificent success! 2025-2045

2014er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	15 15	95
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The 2014er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R is open for business and superbly aromatic, as all wines from the Estate and this vintage currently are. It offers a gorgeous nose driven by dried apricot, pineapple, strawberry, elderflower, a hint of cassis, mint, camphor, wet stone, and a touch of saffron. An almost exotic touch of presence emerges on the palate, but a great sense of racy acidity gives it plenty of focus, length, and energy. The finish proves superb, being both subtly tart and fully dry. This exuberant yet delicious and precise expression of Saumagen Auslese Trocken R is a great success. Now-2034

2012er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Spätlese Trocken R	09 13	94+
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The 2012er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Spätlese Trocken R offers a superb nose of grapefruit, lime, earthy spices, chalky minerals, tar, raspberry, and wet stone, all joined by a touch of curry and candy floss after airing. The wine proves superbly playful and elegant with just a slightly sweetish side which still needs to integrate on the palate and leaves a great sense of zest right into the long, subtly tart, spicy and, above all, fully dry finish. The superb wine continuously reveals new nuances in the glass. We would not be surprised if it turns out a modern-day classic at maturity, in a few years, once it reveals its full complexity and finesse. 2024-2042

2012er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	10 13	95
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The 2012er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R has all the hallmarks of the greatest reserve bottlings from the Estate, as it proves quite closed, reductive, and smoky for a couple of minutes before it reveals a gorgeously precise and elegant nose of candied grapefruit, lime, herbs, thyme, and flowery elements. The wine develops a great sense of depth and intensity at first on the palate. Then, some flavors of candied grapefruit and citrusy fruits come through and add focus to the experience. The wine leaves a great feel of freshness and persistence in the tight, compact, and zesty finish. This is a magnificent Saumagen Auslese Trocken R in the making. 2024-2042

2011er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Spätlese Trocken R	03 15	91
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The 2011er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Spätlese Trocken R offers a quite ripe and already mature nose of smoke, bacon, toffee, honeyed peach, beeswax, quince, and mirabelle. As it warms up in the glass, notes of butter cream and sweet fruits join the party. The wine proves herbal and slightly powerful on the palate and leaves a good sense of grip and tartness in the long finish. This riper version of Spätlese Trocken R is already fully ready and open for business. It will please lovers of more direct and aromatic dry Riesling. Now-2026

2011er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	15 12	89
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The 2011er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R immediately shows a quite aromatic and fruit-driven nose of quince, pear, and apple, as well as riper scents of toffee, caramel, butter cream, hay, and petrol. The wine coats the palate with ample honeyed and sweet fruits as well as creamy elements, which add a sense of subtle fruitiness rather than bone-dryness. The moderate acidity adds a sense of smooth softness to the slightly powerful and ample finish. We would opt to enjoy this wine rather sooner than later. Now+

2009er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Spätlese Trocken R	17 10	92
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The 2009er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Spätlese Trocken R offers a beautifully mature and refined nose of sage, thyme, minty herbs, chalky minerals, a hint of quince, pear, and honeyed yellow peach, as well as a hint of petrol in the background. The wine is creamy and juicy on the palate and leaves one with balanced and energetic feel in the herbal and slightly tart finish. This riper yet quite complex expression of Saumagen Spätlese Trocken R will still offer much pleasure for many years to come. Now-2026



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2009er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	16 10	93
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The 2009er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R offers refined and elegant notes of almond cream, flowers, and yellow peach, and evolves into riper scents of butter cream, bakery elements, and ripe yellow fruits. The wine comes over as quite juicy and smooth at first on the palate, but a great kick of energy quickly joins the party and brings the flavors to life. It leaves one with a nicely balanced and persistent feel in the finish. A hint of power comes through in the after-taste, which makes us opt to drink our remaining bottles of this beauty over the coming years. Now-2027

2009er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken RR	19 10	93
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The 2009er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken RR takes a few minutes in the glass to reveal a refined and finely aromatic nose of grapefruit, candied lime, dried pineapple, and raspberry, as all joined by some thyme, herbs, and banana flambé after airing. The wine proves dense and full of presence on the palate. There is a sense of power but without alcohol heat or weight. A fine creamy touch and flavors of honeyed yellow peach bring a nice smooth side to the long finish beautifully wrapped into a hint of beeswax. This is a superb dry Riesling to enjoy over the coming decade. Now-2029

2008er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Spätlese Trocken R	19 09	95
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The 2008er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Spätlese Trocken R offers a superbly complex, smoky, and fresh nose of grilled citrus, chalky minerals, mint, cassis, and yellow peach. After some airing, these are joined by deeper scents of herbs and licorice. The wine is gorgeously focused and pure at first on the palate and develops more presence and intensity as it unfolds. The finish is incredibly long and vibrating. This remains a magnificent expression of dry Riesling. Now-2038

2008er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	20 09	93
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The 2008er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R proves rather closed and almost non-saying nose at first, and only gradually reveals some complex and riper notes of anise, candied yellow peach, quince, apple, and plenty of aromatic herbs. The wine proves tight but also on the powerful and intense side on the palate. An herbal side packed in some tartness adds depth and presence to the flavors. The finish is intense and hugely spicy. This broader and intense wine is quite fascinating and will particularly please lovers of ostentatious and herbal renditions of dry Riesling. Now-2028

2007er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Spätlese Trocken R	56 08	NR
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2007er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Spätlese Trocken RR	57 08	92
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The 2007er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Spätlese Trocken RR offers a flowery and nicely elegant nose of almond cream, white minerals, pine, pear, and a hint of petrol. The wine reveals a fine smoothness as flavors of creamy quince jelly and apple come through on the juicy and elegant palate. This roundness is very nicely compensated by some zesty and even salty elements on the finish. This beautiful expression of dry Riesling will offer much pleasure for many years to come. Now-2032

2007er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	53 08	92
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The 2007er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R offers a slightly imposing but quite complex nose of ripe yellow fruits, a hint of honey, tar, almond, and butter cream. The wine proves quite dense and compact on the palate and leaves an intense and almost powerful feel in the beautifully long finish. A touch of herbal and alcohol presence in the after-taste makes us opt to drink any remaining bottles of this ostentatious dry Riesling sooner rather than later. Now+

2007er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken RR	54 08	89
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The 2007er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken RR exhibits a fully mature and slightly evolved nose made of ripe pineapple, toffee, caramel, butter, banana flambé, pear, and mirabelle. The wine is round, rich, and buttery on the fully smooth rather than bone-dry palate. It leaves an herbal feel of power in the finish and a touch of alcoholic heat in the after-taste. We would opt to drink up any remaining bottles of this impressive but powerful wine as soon as possible, i.e. before the opulent side of the wine fully takes over. Drink up



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2005er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	24 06	90
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The 2005er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R initially offers quite some fresh herbal notes. These then quickly give way to riper scents of fruits inducing apricot, yellow peach, plum, mirabelle, and quince, as well as some hints of cherry and honey as it warms up in the glass. The wine proves rather round and smooth on the not fully dry-tasting palate and leaves a nicely direct feel in the light and elegant finish. This fully mature wine will still offer much pleasure over the coming few years. Now-2025

2004er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	36 05	96
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The 2004er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R offers a magnificently fresh and complex nose, which still starts with a light touch reduction before some stunning scents of grilled citrus, herbal notes, lime, gooseberry, chamomile, and a hint of petrol kick in. The wine is gorgeously refined, precise and elegant on the citrusy-driven palate and leaves a stunning herbal feel in the long and layered finish. A subtle touch of tartness then rounds this off by adding a gorgeous sense of freshness to the mouth-watering after-taste. This wine does not live from presence as other great wines at this Estate. It really wows one with finesse and freshness. This remains a stunning expression of bone-dry and focused Riesling. Now-2034

2001er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	16 02	98
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The 2001er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R exhibits some gorgeous and hugely complex scents of candied grapefruit, sea breeze, lime, thyme, herbs, dried white flowers, almond, and orange blossom, all wrapped into a beautifully refined touch of reduction. The wine proves as fresh as a daisy on the magnificently complex and spicy palate. It has the precision of the greatest Riesling, yet proves also superbly juicy and fruity. It then leaves one with a subtly zesty and beautifully saline feel in the dry finish. This breathtaking mature Riesling is all about elegance and balance. The sense of freshness is simply bewildering (and this despite a non-shy 13.5%, certainly by the standards of the period). We would not be surprised if this will continue to live up to its high standards for several decades. What a huge success! Now-2041

1998er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	29 99	96
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The 1998er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R offers a magnificently mature and complex nose of fresh herbs, dried apricot, smoke, thyme, cassis, plum, and tar. With airing, it develops even more complexity as scents of almond, grapefruit, dried flowers, and earthy spices join the party. The wine proves stunningly juicy and refined on the palate, where a light, cassis-driven, touch of cream adds to the smooth and very delicate texture. There is however quite some presence and even power packed into the wine. The finish has the right freshness and purity (despite a non-shy 14% of alcohol!) as zesty notes of lime and Limoncello drive the aromatics. This fully mature and quite ostentatious Auslese Trocken R is quite a treat! Now+

1997er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	25 98	97
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The 1997er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R proves fully mature as beautifully ripe and aromatic notes of butter, whipped coconut cream, honeyed peach, cassis, thyme, and hints of pear and quince burst out of the glass. The wine proves structured and almost imposing on the palate yet this density and power (the wine does have 13.5% of alcohol) are simply incredibly well integrated into the wine's structure. Flavors of lime sorbet and herbs make for a stunning sense of freshness in the after-taste. This stunning Saumagen Auslese Trocken R is a huge success! Now-2027

1996er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	18 97	100
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The 1996er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R immediately captures one's attention with some simply mind-blowing, hugely complex, and breathtakingly pure scents of fresh floral notes, lime, citrusy fruits, sea breeze, minty herbs, Limoncello, and spices. The wine combines great presence and density on the palate with refined and fresh elements including thyme, rosemary, sea breeze, lime sorbet, pure zesty fruits, and salty components. The finish has immense length and great cut. While the wine evolves and develops more nuances through airing, it keeps on remaining alluring, captivating, fresh, and precise. This is sheer dry Riesling perfection! Now-2036

1990er	Koehler-Ruprecht	Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R	21 91	98
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The 1990er Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling Auslese Trocken R proves already deep golden-colored and greets one with a beautifully refined, fully mature, and quite gorgeous nose of smoke, herbs, thyme, rosemary, oregano, almond, nut, a hint of toffee, dried lime, tar, and licorice. The wine develops great focus and purity on the palate and leaves one with a stunning feel of herbs and spices in the a fully dry and superbly racy finish. This is a magnificently animating expression of mature dry Riesling. Now+



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