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Once again, we are excited to present some of the world's greatest white wines. 2023 is another inexplicably great vintage for German Riesling. Like both 2022 and 2021, this was an extreme growing season that somehow produced exceptional wines.

The 2023 vintage is characterized by wines that are graceful, expressive, and well-balanced, offering a harmonious blend of fresh acidity and fine-textured minerality. Despite the warm and challenging conditions, the wines show elegance with pure, citrus-driven fruit and a hint of stone fruit, avoiding both the tropical and overly rich styles of previous years. While there is an emphasis on tension and freshness, particularly in dry styles, the wines possess a distinctive, refined structure that makes them approachable even in their youth. Overall, the 2023 Rieslings display impressive terroir transparency and a remarkable balance between acidity, minerality and fruit, making them a delight to taste, and a vintage with potential for both immediate pleasure and aging.

The top level of German Riesling is still one of the most under-priced fine wine categories on the planet. Especially when you consider they are working entirely by hand, farming some of the steepest vineyard sites on the planet. Unfortunately, terrible frosts struck in 2024 and we are likely going to see large price rises next year.

"To many growers the devastation was so comprehensive that prices will absolutely have to go up, and from my experience, they'll probably never go back down. Worst of all, there will be less wine to go around. The 2023s were priced before the frost struck so Riesling lovers should pay attention, and consider stocking up as prices are the lowest that we'll ever see again in our lives — maybe by a little and maybe by a lot."

**The 2023 German and Austrian wines are expected to land first half 2025.
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- John Caro & Regan McCaffery



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WINE ORDER FORM	QUANTITY	PRICE* (In mixed 6+)
Fritz Haag Brauneberg 'J' Erste Lage Riesling Trocken 2023		\$45.00
Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Grosses Gewächs Riesling Trocken 2023		\$65.00
Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Grosses Gewächs Riesling Trocken 2023		\$90.00
Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Kabinett #03 2023		\$40.00
Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese #7 2023		\$55.00
Willi Schaefer Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett #19 2023		\$65.00
Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett #3 2023 -SOLD OUT		\$65.00
Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #10 2023 -SOLD OUT		\$80.00
Dönnhoff Riesling Kreuznacher Kahlenberg Erste Lage Trocken 2023		\$65.00
Dönnhoff Riesling Roxheimer Höllentpfad Erste Lage Trocken 2023		\$70.00
Dönnhoff Riesling Höllentpfad im Mühlentberg Grosses Gewächs Trocken 2023		\$125.00
Dönnhoff Riesling Felsenberg 'Felsentürmchen' Grosses Gewächs Trocken 2023		\$125.00
Dönnhoff Riesling Dellchen Grosses Gewächs Trocken 2023		\$150.00
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Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Ried Kittmannsberg I ÖTW 2023		\$58.00
Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Ried Schenkenbichl I ÖTW 2023		\$66.00
Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Ried Käferberg I ÖTW 2023		\$85.00
Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Maximum 2023		\$90.00

2023 VINTAGE REPORTS



2023 was 'far from average, if such a thing still exists'. Many growers see it as yet another in a growing series of extreme vintages: 2021 was wet, 2022 was dry and 2023 was fast. How does all this translate into the bottle? Surprisingly well. The 2023s are graceful, expressive and balanced, even at this early stage. Soft aromas and bright acidity, especially in Riesling, make for wines that are a delight to taste. Also, the phenolic iron grip of the 2022s has been exchanged for a cooling raw-silk finesse. Highly expressive and balanced, more stone fruit than citrus and a hint of shaping bitterness, it's an approachable, heart-on-your-sleeve vintage, likely ready relatively early but for those who were ruthless in their selection and brought in only optimal fruit the potential is there for good longevity. The grapes that survived didn't struggle; they were not stressed (unlike the growers, based on what it took to get them there!); they wanted for little, and it shows in the wines' easy-going, balanced charm."

- Jancis Robinson

The 2023 wine year will go down in history as one of the fastest harvests on record, and like most recent vintages, it was on the warmer side. In fact, there hasn't really been a cold vintage in a long time. 2023 appears to be a vintage that is difficult to categorise as there appears to be a larger difference between the 'average' and the high quality at the top. Stylistically, it is always difficult to summarise a vintage in a short sentence or two, however, if I had to try and sum it up, 2023 Riesling, at least at the GG level, appears to have a more taut, lean style which is built around acidity rather than plush fruit. The best of them have a lovely elegance and driving acidity which brings out a sweet herb and cool mineral detail. Floral notes are less prevalent than in some other vintages like 2021, but '23 also avoids the honey richness of 2020. Compared to 2022 Rieslings at this level, there is a more linear expression with significantly more tension as well as more density in the mid-palate. Somewhat surprisingly, despite all this, most of the good wines were not in a dumb or awkward phase which is not always the case with dry Riesling designed to age. The cooler regions—namely the Mosel and Nahe—appeared to reflect the vintage's conditions most consistently. However, the Nahe as a whole just edged ahead with a better overall average quality level, with stunners from producers like Donnhoff.

-The Real Review, Stephen Wong



"Paradoxically, 2023 was one of the most challenging vintages of recent times, yet when it's good, it represents Riesling at its purest and most beautiful. I've alluded to the symmetry of them already. They have slender, silky, open white and citrus-driven fruits, rarely veering in to tropical, and never opulence, with incisive acidities, fluid, stony mineralities and, crucially, impressive levels of balancing extract. This latter element means that even the highest acidities such as those found in the Saar and Ruwer feel elegant and attractive. This ripe, anchoring, salty-feeling structure and fine grip to the wines in 2023 meant most producers (who produce the spectrum of fruity styles) were able to run the wines a little drier this year; their wild yeasts nourished and energised by all the nutrients that meaningful rainfall brings. For the dry wine focused estates, 2023 is unequivocally a step up on last year, with finer, lacier acidities and more tense, delicious fruits – less phenolic, more intricate, often allied to a fine, herbal reduction. They are better balanced and more welcoming in youth than the 2021s were too – offering pleasure and site-transparency in equal measure, making them hard to resist already. If 2020 and 2022 were years in which a measured, lithe fruitiness and ripe acidity was on the front foot; and 2021 a vintage of austere mineral precision; then 2023 has it all. You will love tasting them.

- Justerini & Brooks, Mark Dearing

"There's much to love about the 2023 German Rieslings. The wines possess a breathtaking, spellbinding sense of harmony, albeit in a slightly riper and richer register than the previous two vintages. Happily, this is without the aromatic evidence of warmth embodied by some '18s, '19s and '20s. The 2023s have stubbornly long finishes, soaring on and on with enchanting harmonic inertia. In their extremely young state, the 2023 Rieslings are vivid, accessible and jubilant. Minerality is present as an incredible undertone in 2023, playing a supporting role with commendable integrity. More importantly, given that the flavours of young Riesling can change quickly, the 2023s are beautifully concentrated with an intense and enchanting textural presence. This is partly due to an abundance of extract and partly because of a graceful integration of playful acidity. But there's a wonderful way that the acidity sits in the wine. It's not the overriding electric current of 2021, and it has none of the sharpness of many 2022s. If the most conspicuously unbalanced 2022s featured acidity akin to a poorly-transferred piece of digital music, one could say that the 2023s have the warmth and fluidity of a vinyl record. There's flow to the acidity. Levels of residual sugar that sound daringly low on paper somehow work beautifully in 2023. Several growers smiled mischievously as they shared that such and such Riesling harboured a mere one or two grams of RS, and I braced myself for unyielding austerity only to taste a completely harmonic and resplendent wine. Through most collections, the presumed hierarchy upwards is firmly in place as the 2023 Rieslings display exceptional terroir transparency. They're true to their regions and their sites, and if you don't have the experience to anticipate how a Wehlener Sonnenuhr might taste different from a Graacher Himmelreich, for example, the 2023s will help to highlight such contrasts. For me Spätlese is the absolute star of 2023."

- Metrovino, Al Drinkle

WEINGUT FRITZ HAAG



The beginnings of the Fritz Haag vine yard on the Moselle are so long ago that they can no longer be specifically dated. The first record of the Fritz Haag estate is from 1605, with the Haag family having continuous ownership since that point. Located in the heart of the Middle Mosel, Weingut Fritz Haag is the flagship winery of the village of Brauneberg, ('brown mountain' a reference to the color of the slate soil in this area of the Mosel). It is famed for its world-renowned vineyards "Brauneberger Juffer" and "Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr." The terrifyingly steep hillside has been revered as a top vineyard site since Roman times (it was the Romans who first cultivated wine grapes in the Mosel valley). For centuries, Brauneberg wines have been the most celebrated of all Mosel Rieslings. These exceptional Grosses Gewächs, have historically produced many of Germany's greatest Rieslings.

Fritz Haag Brauneberg 'J' Erste Lage Riesling Trocken 2023 - \$45.00

"This replaces the dry Brauneberger Riesling and is a cuvee of 80% Juffer, plus small quantities from the steep Juffer-Sonnenuhr and Klostergarten sites. A wealth of wildflower and jasmine aromas and a dancing, light-footed touch make this barely medium-bodied dry riesling a delight. Plenty of peachy fruit and wet stone minerality right through the long and very clean, spicy finish.

Drink or hold. Screw cap."

93/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

Aus Ersten Lagen. Blend of fruit from Juffer and Juffer Sonnenuhr: 85% from Juffer (I think!). Cask sample. Attractive floral undertow emerges. There is real character here! Bone dry but not austere. Drink 2024-2030

17/20 Jancis Robinson

Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Grosses Gewächs Riesling Trocken 2023 - \$65.00

"Very youthful on the nose, the pear and quince aromas slowly opening up as the wine aerates. Enormous power and stony depth on the concentrated, compact but extremely bright medium-bodied palate. Wonderful forest floor and wet stone complexity in the very long finish. Drinkable now, but best from 2026."

96/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

Filigreed touch of lemon curd. Equal parts racy and refined, with a deep, creamy concentration. Elegant phenolics, nuanced and long. A serious Riesling, still deep in its REM sleep, with much power and potential ahead. Drink 2025-2036

17+/20 Jancis Robinson

Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Grosses Gewächs Riesling Trocken 2023 - \$90

"All the floral beauty and filigree of this great site are packed into a sleek silhouette. Wonderfully racy and vibrant, this youthful dry Mosel masterpiece barely weighs in as medium-bodied, but is incredibly expressive. Then comes the amazingly long, deep and delicate wet stone finish. Drinkable now, but best from 2026."

96/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

Delicate herbal start. An elegant citrus lining with notes of wet stone and tea leaves. Denser and grippier than the Juffer. Complex and stony, with a long, saline finish. Needs time. Drink 2026-2036

17++/20 Jancis Robinson





Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Kabinett #03 2023 – \$40.00

“Grosse Lage. Very pure, sprightly ‘mountain stream’ aromas. The sweetness is apparent but not dominant. Just the sort of wine that traditional Riesling lovers seek! Should have a long drinking window and it would be lovely with many spicy dishes or Thai food. Quite textural. Hint of apple juice – but very high-quality apple juice! Drink 2024-2040”

18/20 Jancis Robinson

“So elegant and refined in spite of the generous peach fruit, this has a freshness like the first days of spring as the first green grass and flowers appear. What a precise balance of racy acidity and floral delicacy this has on the pristine, light-bodied palate. Very focused and pure finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.”

95/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese #7 2023 – \$55.00

“The floral finesse and the mineral power of this great Mosel Spätlese are complemented by a wonderful Amalfi lemon and lime zest freshness that lights up the sky. The grape sweetness is so beautifully interwoven in all this. Extremely long and filigreed finish. Drink or hold.”

96/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

Grosse Lage. Cask sample. Very juicy indeed! This is baked apples and quite flattering. Drink 2027-2040

17.5/20 Jancis Robinson

WEINGUT WILLI SCHAEFER



“The Schaefer family is a true Mosel Riesling winemaking dynasty – local documents date the family’s involvement in vineyards back at least as far as 1590. Today it’s Christoph Schaefer running the show. That such a small place could be home to some of the world’s greatest wines and, in fact, one of the finest producers of Riesling on the planet, might be a bit surprising. However, if you know anything about these steep Devonian slate slopes and the reputation of Weingut Willi Schaefer, you’ll understand that Graach indeed sits on hallowed ground.”

-Decanter

“Christoph Schaefer smiles broadly when he talks about the 2023 vintage, clearly pleased with his wines. The Estate produced a restricted collection, limited to fruity-styled and sweet wines, and including 4 Kabinett, one from each of their Grand Crus (Wehlener Sonnenuhr, Graacher Himmelreich and 2 Domprobst, one of which is for the Auction), 4 Spätlese (one of which is for the Auction) and 2 Auslese in ridiculously low quantities (one of which, the Wehlener Sonnenuhr, is for the Auction). In terms of news, Willi Schaefer aficionados will notice a significant change to the labels: all legal information is now on a back label. The front label now bears only the vintage and the name of the wine, and for some of them (only the Domprobst Spätlese and Auslese bottlings) the AP number is now written in small on the bottom right of the front label. Christoph and Andrea Schaefer have produced a stunning collection in 2023, defying all the difficulties encountered in this vintage. The wines are pure, vibrant, and energetic, with great depth and freshness. The Kabinett wines are superbly light yet have depth. We have a very slight preference here for the one from the Himmelreich.

-Mosel Fine Wines

Willi Schaefer Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett #19 2023 - \$65.00

"From a 0.24-hectare plot located at the bridge on the premier etage of this world-famous cru, the 2023 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett opens with a clear, remarkably intense and textural bouquet of perfectly ripe fruits intermingled with beautifully saline and savory slate aromas. Fabulous. Lush yet refined and very elegant on the palate, this is a Kabinett that's impossible to spit and swirl in the mouth. Because it is so beautifully balanced, seamlessly textured and stimulatingly saline, this crystalline, mouth-filling and intense Kabinett is absolutely gorgeous. Everything here sits in the right spot, and the finish is just moderately sweet and beautifully frisky. Calculate one bottle per person as an aperitif. 8% stated alcohol. Natural cork.

Tasted at the domaine in August 2024 from AP 19 24."

95/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Stephan Reinhardt

"The 2023er Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett is a fruity-styled wine with a superbly flowery and elegant nose of grapefruit, smoke, vineyard peach, orange blossom, candied lime, anise, and fine spices. The wine is superbly creamy and delicately creamy on the refined and playful palate. It has a smooth and velvety side, yet the finish is layered, focused, and long. The lightness is superb. This is a delicate and subtle Kabinett, with depth and intensity. Drink 2031-2043"

94/100 Mosel Fine Wines

Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett #3 2023 - \$65.00

"The 2023 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett #3 opens with a clear and coolish, very precise and flinty as well as vegetal bouquet of dark, crushed slate. Very elegant and mouthwatering on the palate, with lively, mineral acidity and stimulating salinity, this is an almost dry-tasting Domprobst Kabinett due to its continuous mineral character and grippy phenols. The wine is full of finesse yet still discreet in its hedonistic compounds. The Domprobst is the aristocrat of the Mosel Kabinett world yet also offers a certain charm. Very subtle and long, this will be a classic in a decade, especially when served with very fine dishes. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork.

Tasted at the domaine in August 2024 from AP 3 24 (thus the #3 on the label)."

96+/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Stephan Reinhardt

"The 2023er Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett is a fruity-styled wine which proves really reserved and almost non-saying at first, with only faint scents of fine smoke and almond cream and needs quite some time to develop a very refined and elegant nose of anise, jasmine, white flowers, cassis, lavender, and earthy spices. The wine reveals more on the palate, where intense yellow and zesty fruits come through and give it a superbly playful and animating side. The finish is very long, still compact and in need of integration. The density is quite superb, and the wine proves both intense and focused. The length in the aftertaste is stunning and mouthwatering. This great Kabinett needs a good decade to fully deliver. Drink 2033-2053"

95/100 Mosel Fine Wines

Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #10 2023 - \$80.00

"The 2023 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #10 is very clear, fresh and precise on the spring-like nose. Flavors of crushed rocks, salts and lime zest drag into the glass, and the wine, once on the palate, is full of energy and very fine raisin, even blueberry and wax leaf aromas. This beautifully balanced and silky Domprobst Spätlese is full of finesse and reveals a playful, irresistible character with perfectly ripe fruit that is like an idea of fruit rather than material on the palate. This is a subtle stunner and one day will probably be even finer than the gorgeous Himmelreich Spätlese. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024."

98/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Stephan Reinhardt

"The 2023er Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #10 (the reference to #10 is written in small on the bottom right of the label) is a sweet wine made from harvested mainly in the Fergert. The nose proves quite appealing and refreshing as delicate scents of candied citrusy fruits and fresh mint, anise, tangerine, thyme, and candy floss. The wine is very playful and juicy on the palate, where some ripe yellow fruits give a creamy and delicately smooth side to the whole. The finish is very long and precise, as some zesty elements give freshness and purity. This is a gorgeous drinking Spätlese, with depth and complexity. Drink 2031-2053"

95/100 Mosel Fine Wines

WEINGUT DÖNNHOFF



Dönnhoff is one of the world's greatest wine estates, an absolute super-star of German Riesling. They are regarded as not only the Nahe's finest producer, but clearly one of Germany's very finest. Every year they produce a dazzling array of wines to suit all tastes, from bone dry to very sweet, and all marked by incredible precision and energy.

Cornelius Dönnhoff recounts 2023 at the domaine: "Fruit set was good, and we could see early on that this might be a bigger harvest, and in summer, we started reducing yields relatively early. This, with canopy management, was key as the vines were vigorous. In July, the weather changed, temperatures went down, and we had continuous showers in July and August, and our well-ventilated canopies paid off. We also had interrow ground cover to help pull moisture out of the soil. We had poked right.

It ensured the grapes could dry off, and we could get on top of the immense disease pressure." Later in August, the weather changed again, ringing in stable weather. "September was warm and had high sunshine hours, not a cloud from morning to night. This accelerated the ripening and compensated for the cool August. The thinned-out fruit and airy canopy meant healthy grapes and no botrytis." Dönnhoff notes that in wetter years like 2023, his steep and rocky Riesling sites are at an advantage with their excellent drainage and poor soils, curbing vine vigor, resulting in a harvest of healthy fruit. Dönnhoff did not make BAs or TBAs but harvested small amounts of thrilling Kabinetts, Spätlesen and Auslesen, mostly from botrytis-free grapes. "In Riesling, you do not need alcohol as a transporter of flavor," he notes. Dönnhoff is happy that nothing "slid into overripeness"—apart from the Auslesen—and notes that the wines have good acid structure with moderate alcohol and that sufficient moisture meant great extracts. He also puts his wines' strikingly golden color down to extract—yet another stunning collection!"

-Vinous, Anne Krebiehl MW

Dönnhoff Riesling Kreuznacher Kahlenberg Erste Lage Trocken 2023 - \$65.00

“Very old vineyards on a hillside, 500 meters away from the river. Gravel and quartzite with light porphyry content. Kreuznach ripens a little earlier than the middle Nahe, about a week earlier. Anyone who usually finds the acidity of dry riesling a bit much should be a happy camper with this wine. Brimming with a fresh fruit salad of aromas, juicy and supple, it is also wonderfully refreshing and has a tingling spritz of natural carbon dioxide that lifts the juicy finish. Drink or hold.”

93/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

“The 2023 Riesling Kreuznacher Kahlenberg comes from a broader, warmer part of the Nahe Valley that’s further downstream. There’s less day-night amplitude, slightly higher temperatures and deeper soils with some loess of gravel and quartzite. A touch of reduction plays on the nose with citric charm. Despite the slender contour, the palate is smooth and rounded, with fluidity and smoothness, with more generosity and fill. (Bone-dry)” Drink 2024-2034

91/100 Vinous, Anne Krebiehl MW



Dönnhoff Riesling Roxheimer Höllentpfad Erste Lage Trocken 2023 - \$70.00

“The 2023 Riesling Roxheimer Höllentpfad is harvested from around 50-year-old vines on steep, south-facing Permian red sandstone. It’s made half and half in neutral wood and stainless steel. Lovely savor spreads from the glass with notions of yarrow crushed against stone. The palate is slender but concentrated and vivid, with a juiciness that has something of apple, something of herbal tisane, something of tart orange zest; all are beautifully taut and elongated. The 2023 is understated and lovely, with a savory zestiness on the clean-cut finish. (Bone-dry).” Drink 2028-2050

94/100 Vinous, Anne Krebiehl MW

“Fine, red sandstone on a very steep southern slope, further from the river. Very old vines. Complex and vibrant, with a slew of floral (think honeysuckle and wild rose) and spicy aromas, this is a really exciting medium-bodied dry riesling. Terrific drive and energy push this over the palate at a brisk clip, but behind this is a deep crushed-rock character that pulls you into the extremely long and bright finish. Drink or hold.

94/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott



Dönnhoff Riesling Höllenpfad im Mühlberg Grosses Gewächs Trocken 2023 - \$125.00

“The literal translation is “Path to Hell”. This monopole site has a total of four hectares, but this GG comes from only one hectare of the oldest vines. The location basically consists of red sandstone, but there is also this section from which this GG comes, where a lot of pure rock plays a part. Who can resist this beauty? The explosive nose of yellow peaches and wild blackberries sucks you inexorably into this extremely concentrated, but also incredibly refined and precise dry riesling. A great masterpiece of delicacy and purity, with a finish that doesn't want to stop pumping out the wet stone minerality. A de facto monopole site for this producer. Drink from release”

99/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

“The 2023 Riesling Roxheimer Höllenpfad im Mühlberg Grosses Gewächs comes from the core parcel of this red Permian sandstone site, made separately as a GG from 2017 onwards. This was made in old, neutral Doppelstück. Gorgeous savor unites fern, yarrow and tansy, all tingling amidst citrus and a gentle creaminess. Immediate concentration and fluidity characterize the palate, and the citrus impression almost attains a touch of lemon oil, still holding these savory, herbal notions. The 2023 has a sinuous shape, great fluidity, beautiful stoniness and tautness, absolute clarity and direction but with a ton of charm. (Bone-dry)”
Drink 2028-2060

94-96/100 Vinous, Anne Krebiehl MW



Dönnhoff Riesling Felsenberg 'Felsentürmchen' Grosses Gewächs Trocken 2023 - \$125.00

"Dönnhoff calls it after its designation "felsen turret" and this turret is actually in the middle of the vineyard. But of course, the official location is Felsenberg. The ground is puristic, rocky, volcanic, hard with weathering and up to 60% incline. Orientation South, Southwest. There is only about 35 hl/ha yield. The average age of the vine is just under 40 years. Radically smoky and massively structured in spite of being only medium-bodied, this astonishingly dry riesling expresses the personality of this volcanic site with great authority and precision. So much spice, structure and hardness in the positive sense, meaning that this is not a wine for the faint of heart. Massive power in the imposing finish, yet absolutely clean and bright. Drink or hold.

98/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

"The 2023 Riesling Schlossböckelheimer Felsenberg Felsentürmchen Grosses Gewächs is picked in the fully south-facing site of porphyry and melaphyr. Cornelius Dönnhoff says this is the most challenging site to work, simply because the stones are so hard and unforgiving, retaining almost no water. Thus, a year like 2023 was brilliant for this site. It is always the first GG site to be harvested because the rock retains heat from the day. Tender reduction still casts a flinty spell on the nose. Lovely savor implies crushed citrus foliage merged into iron oxide on the nose. The palate is taut, citric, bright with immense linearity, moving with absolute ease and direction, with energy and punch, towards a zesty, cool finish, long, sustained, all with savor and saltiness. The 2023 is a total joy of clarity, direction and stony poise. This is so elegant, so slender, so powerful, and no, this is not a contradiction. (Bone-dry)." Drink 2034-2070

96-98/100 Vinous, Anne Krebiehl MW

Dönnhoff Riesling Dellchen Grosses Gewächs Trocken 2023 - \$150.00

"The Dellchen stands on gray slate in a large depression with a terrace and amphitheater character. Due to erosion, there is a rocky, crumbly and dark-sandy crumbly layer on the slate. That's why Dellchen is a bit more powerful than the other GGs at Dönnhoff. For Cornelius, the Dellchen is the antithesis of Felsenberg. This dry riesling has a hypnotic beauty that leaves no doubt how this wine redefines what peachy means in the context of this grape variety. As it aerates, a wealth of wild berry and flower nuances develop and expand. Given the mind-bending concentration of this wine, it is staggeringly fresh and absolutely precise. Then comes the finish, which is like a prima ballerina dancing on pointe off into the distance. Drink from release.

100/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

"The 2023 Riesling Norheimer Dellchen Grosses Gewächs is grown on porphyry with a shale cover. The vines are sheltered and have underground aquifers. A tender lemon zest note holds traces of white summer blossom, wet stone and a touch of chervil—beautifully tender. The slender palate, likewise, is lemon-dominated, bright, sunny and friendly in its citric smile. The 2023 is agile, tingling and slender with a subtle stoniness. This is as wonderfully pervasive, tart and palate-cleansing as lemon sorbet. (Bone-dry)"
Drink 2028-2060

95-97/100 Vinous, Anne Krebiehl MW



Dönnhoff Riesling Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle Grosses Gewächs Trocken 2023 - \$150.00

"Incredibly refined and precise, yet with Grand Canyon-like depths and layers, this incredible dry riesling has a horizon-to-horizon spectrum of stone fruit, citrus and wild berry aromas, plus a touch of dusty hot soil as rain starts to fall on it. On the compact, medium-bodied palate, this side of the wine builds and builds to a giant crescendo in the almost endless finish. Drink or hold."

100/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

"The 2023 Riesling Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle Grosses Gewächs, from a south-facing shale site with just a few calcareous veins, is golden in color. The vines were planted in 1949, and they now bring just small yields of tiny berries with a different pulp/skin ratio. A gorgeous lift tells of citrus zest, with an ethereal touch of crushed citrus leaf and spicier herb. The palate is crystalline.

It's a clear-cut, taut, pure vision of stone and citrus. This is a pure, poised, precise and concentrated wine. Time and again, it is astonishing that so much flavor, stone and energy can be captured in a wine of such taut proportions at 12.5% alcohol. What an experience! There is no reliance on power, volume or fat, just slenderness, elegance and essence. (Bone-dry)" Drink 2023-2070

96-98/100 Vinous, Anne Krebiehl MW

"Smells of sweet water, jasmine tea, white blossom, tender greens and ripe fruit. A Jenga game of delicate acidity, piercing freshness, shimmering fruit, elegant phenolics and stony tension. Remove one piece and the whole tower falls. This is pure, refined elegance.

Everything feels made from spun gold." Drink 2025-2033

18.5/20 Jancis Robinson



Dönnhoff Riesling Oberhäuser Leistenberg Kabinett 2023 - \$50.00

“The 2023 Riesling Oberhäuser Leistenberg Kabinett is from a south-east-facing site of shale, getting the morning sun; this is never affected by botrytis and is shaded in the afternoon, so a late harvest is possible because botrytis never occurs, and acids are preserved. The nose combines lemon zest, stone and herbal tisane. The palate adds just a little sweetness, giving the charm to the citric verve, but all remains light, tender, bright and so deceptively easy. What a tease, what elegance, what lemon resonance! (Medium)” Drink 2028-2050

96/100 Vinous, Anne Krebiehl MW

“A stunningly elegant and vibrant riesling Kabinett that is packed with white peach and honeysuckle aromas. Succulent on the front of the light-bodied palate, then with a crystalline purity at the finish that takes your breath away. This is not analytically dry, but plenty of enthusiastic wine drinkers will say that is exactly what it is.

Drink or hold. Screw cap.”

96/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

Dönnhoff Riesling Oberhäuser Brücke Spätlese Monopol 2023 - \$80.00

“When worlds collide. The tension between the cool, dark side (think Darth Vader) and the enormous brightness of the stone fruit (think Luke Skywalker) makes this astonishing riesling Spätlese extremely compelling. The most beautiful pineapple and grapefruit aromas. Fabulous freshness at the stunningly straight and pure finish. Brücke is not on a steep slope, so the exposure is lower; and also close to the river; it cools down here at night so the acidity remains higher. Drink or hold.”

98/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

“The 2023 Riesling Oberhäuser Brücke Spätlese is from a geologically complex site that has loess, loam, shale, weathered sandstone and volcanic formations, the moderating influence of the river also means that botrytis is possible. Spätlese and Auslese are harvested together but selected in the vineyard. Golden and gently botrytised fruit goes into Spätlese. This charms with a touch of crushed blackcurrant foliage and ripest, juiciest Reine Claude plum, all edged with citrus. Beautifully taut, vividly concentrated, yet no heaviness, just light-footed, dancing, playful and oh so balanced. (Sweet)” Drink 2034-2070

96/100 Vinous, Anne Krebiehl MW



Dönnhoff Riesling Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle Spätlese 2023 - \$95.00

“Welcome to the Bladerunner of Nahe riesling Spätlese. This is also extremely fine and complex, with a cornucopia of stone fruit, exotic fruit and spices. Radical stony minerality and racy acidity, yet with a feather-light mouthfeel on the barely medium-bodied palate. Then you wonder if the wine will ever leave you, so long is the almost endless farewell. Drink or hold”.

99/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

“The 2023 Riesling Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle Spätlese, grown on shale, has equal notions of moss and lemon. The Spätlese is harvested from the fringes of the Hermannshöhle, which stretches around the Nahe. The eastern and western exposed parts have higher acidity and more play that is needed for the residual sweetness. More air makes this smell simply of wet stone.

The palate carries gentle sweetness but is absolutely precise and slender. Citrus frames everything with the clearest precision. Everything is serene, zesty, tender; yet so very serious. The 2023 is glorious in its lightness and disarming in its elegance. (Sweet)”

Drink 2024-2070

97/100 Vinous, Anne Krebiehl MW

WEINGUT HIEDLER (AUSTRIA)



The owl is the unmistakable symbol of this traditional estate in Langenlois, where Ludwig Hiedler and his sons Dietmar and Ludwig Jr. are crafting some of the most interesting, texturally compelling wines in Austria. From 35 hectares of Erste Lage (Premier Cru) holdings in the Kamptal, the Hiedler family has been producing wine under their own name since 1856. The family's profound understanding of origin and site is a determining factor in their wine style. Their holdings are in the best vineyards in the Kamptal, with Riesling parcels in the Heiligenstein, Gaisberg and Steinhaus, and Grüner Veltliner in the deep loess vineyards that rest at the base of those mountains; Thal, Kittsmansberg, and Käferberg. These are captivating whites that happily sit alongside some of the great mineral fine wines of the world.

"These wines remain one of a kind in the Kamptal. For me Hiedler is one of Austria's most interesting estates precisely because they are neither this-nor-that. No one is rendering these amazing terroirs in such a way. In lesser hands the wines might be rustic, in lesser soils they might be mundane, but here at Hiedler there is an accord between human and soil for which I've never found precedent nor equivalent."

- Terry Theise

Hiedler Riesling Kammern Ried Gaisberg IÖTW 2023 - \$66.00

With its milder microclimate, the exposed Gaisberg is one of the historically most important Riesling vineyards in the Kamptal. This vineyard site was first recorded in the archives as 'Gaizperch' in 1341. The Gaisberg is a hillside vineyard that extends up to 335 meters, with a steep eastern slope facing the wine village of Strass and a slightly gentler southern exposure towards Kammern. Early morning sun brushes over this vineyard, allowing the grapes to ripen a bit earlier. This historical significance earned the Gaisberg a prominent place among the most important sites in the Kamptal during cooler climatic phases. A vast variety of metamorphic and crystalline rocks form its soils. On two terraces, our 30-45 year old vines dig their roots into Paragneiss. Occasionally there are islands of granite and marble, with shallow covers of loess at the foot of the hill. The concentrated Rieslings of this slope are characterized by their expressive fruit and silky warm minerality. Partial whole-bunch pressing. Fermented in stainless-steel tank, followed by several months of aging on the lees. Profound bouquet with yellow fruit and mineral notes, youthful stone fruit, a touch of mandarin, smoky with a crystalline character. On the palate, juicy and refined, with a linear style and clear fruit expression. Crystalline structure with delicate mineral spice on the finish.

Aging potential 15+ years

Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Ried Thal 2023 - \$47.00

'Ried' is the Austrian term for a single vineyard, it has the same meaning as 'Lage' in Germany. The Thal vineyard has a special value to Hiedler as it is inextricably linked to the history of the estate. It is their oldest and most traditional vineyard, where the family cultivated their first vines in 1856. Ludwig I. planted one of the earliest single-varietal Grüner Veltliner vineyards in Thal in 1936. These 80+ year old vines date back to a time when yield was not the prime concern of vintners: narrow-shouldered grapes, rather loose-berried, with a distinct herbal and very 'down-to-earth' taste. They grow on a broadly terraced slope in the south of Langenlois, composed of quartz-sand and bright, calcareous loess. Fermented in stainless-steel and matured on the lees for several months. The wine expresses the bright side of Gruener Veltliner. Attractive scent of honeydew melons, green mangoes, white flowers, also showing some cool and spicy aspects, pink pepper berries; more citrus fruit on the palate, grippy with sandy-calcareous minerality, a hint of sage, great substance, long and smooth finish.

Ageing potential 10 years +



Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Ried Kittmannsberg I ÖTW 2023 - \$58.00

The Kittmannsberg is located on a distinct high plateau that ascends west of Langenlois, reaching an elevation of up to 365 meters above sea level, thus establishing itself as one of the highest vineyard sites in the Kamptal region. Its first mention in documents dates back to 1353. It opens up like an ancient amphitheater, facing southeast towards Langenlois, and receives the first rays of sunlight in the morning. 30-50 year old vines. Within its characteristic bowl-shaped topographical depression, it generates a unique microclimate that enables prolonged ripening periods. Fermented in traditional acacia barrels, followed by several months of aging on the lees. Delicate aroma of citrus fruits and citrus zest, ranging from kumquat to pomelo, precise definition, subtle peppery spice in the background, complemented by a chalky-mineral character. Juicy and creamy on the palate, firm core, featuring citrus fruits and quince, remarkably polished texture with a fine grip, a hint of extract sweetness in the long finish.

Aging potential 12+ years.



Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Ried Schenkenbichl I ÖTW 2023 - \$66.00

Vines have been cultivated on the Schenkenbichl vineyard for many centuries. This slope is located just north of the town of Langenlois. The name has remained unchanged since its first written record in 1402 and likely originated from an old wine tavern (Schenke) situated at the foot of the hill (Bühel). Despite the intense sunlight, the west wind exposure helps maintain a relatively cool temperature on the south-facing slope. The grapes for this Veltliner are sourced from the highest elevated terraces of the Schenkenbichl vineyard, cultivated at an altitude of approximately 315 meters above sea level. In this location, our 60-year-old vines have formed a deep root system in the brittle, metamorphic rock soil, remnants from an ancient mountain range. The rocky subsoil manifests itself in the form of deep, subtle fruit and a smoky salinity, which makes the Veltliner growing here unmistakable. Partial whole-bunch pressing. Fermented in big oak barrel, followed by several months of aging on the lees. Beautiful nose, calm yet highly focused, with stony notes and delicate yellow fruit. On the palate, it is elegant and nuanced, with a structure interwoven with salinity, fine spicy creaminess, and great precision. Dramatic and mineral, with a tightly structured profile and impressive density at its soft core. Very long finish!

Aging potential 15+ years.



Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Ried Käferberg IÖTW 2023 - \$85.00

Käferberg is one of the most significant crus in Kamptal. Within a small area one can find crystalline rocks alternating with with clayey sea sediments (clay marl) and rare gravels that were deposited in the ancient Paratethys sea millions of years ago and are stacked on top of the rocks of the Bohemian geological formation. The vines grow at around 325 m above sea level, on two terraces on the south-east flank of the site, where some loess has also been deposited over the past millennia. On this soil the small grapes of these almost 85 years old vines reach exceptional density and concentration. Fermented and matured in 500

Liter oak barrels. The saline and mineral freshness form an exciting contrast. Expressive and deep nose that spans a wide arc: ranges from black bread and roasted walnuts to cherry plums, plus quinces and Williams pears, thyme is also involved; dense and aromatic on the palate, rich in extract but never opulent, packed with yellow fruits, loquat, some barrel spice from 16 months in small oak, Burgundian vibe, everything backed by salty notes, of dancing elegance, super-long finish.

Ageing potential 17 years +.

Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Maximum 2023 - \$90.00

Many decades of growth have shaped vines of mighty, gnarly stature. They are deeply rooted in the loess and the metamorphic rock of Hiedler's historic terraced vineyards. Maximum is sourced from a selection of these low-yielding old vines from 50 – 85 years. Only the most valuable grapes of each vintage remain on the vine during the main picking season and are harvested very late, once they have reached their beautifully golden ripeness and full flavor potential. Before bottling, the wine spends at least two full winters on the lees. The result is a dense and mouth-filling Veltliner, bearing the unmistakable Hiedler signature. The grapes were selectively harvested by hand in various parts during late October and early November. Destemmed, slightly crushed and macerated for several hours. Gently pressed with low pressure. Fermented in big acacia cask and matured on the lees for over two winters. Bottled at high atmospheric pressure during the waxing moon in September 2022. Complex and calm, orange zest, yellow grapes, tree blossoms, then dark flavoured tobacco, chalky and smoky background; elegant and juicy on the palate, dense, with bundled fruit and deep spiciness that spreads all over the palate, great extract, delicately salty minerality in the finish, long-lasting! Ageing potential 18 years +