

# MOSELLE

## 2019 VINTAGE

# Moselle

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## 100% RIESLING

The Moselle production area is situated on the river of the same name in the western part of Germany, bordering France and Luxembourg.

Since Roman times this area has been known for excellent quality wines. Riesling is the variety that dominates the Mosel Valley.

The production area of the Moselle, the third largest in Germany in terms of volume, also includes the vineyards situated along its Saar and Ruwer tributaries.

The components that characterize the wines of this area are:

- Earth composed of different colored slate, such as red, blue, gray, and their nuances.
- Riesling plants, in many cases immune to phylloxera. For this reason, in the Moselle vineyards, one can find 100 or more year-old vines.
- Very steep inclines, with altitudes in some cases, reaching around 80%. Given the structure of the land, the vineyard is almost entirely worked by manual labor.
- In many cases, the harvest involves several steps, both for the difficulty of the process and for the number of different labels produced

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here. For this reason, the grapes are picked at various degrees of ripeness.

- Despite the fact that the production area is farther north, the river still affects the temperature of the area and in a positive manner. It also plays an important role in the growth cycle of the plant by reflecting the sun's rays and acting as a natural mirror.

- The exposure of the vineyards in the Mosel region mainly faces south.

In the cellar, the wines are generally produced in a simple manner, so as not to influence them by the use of wood, particularly that of small dimensions. The characteristics that determine

the wine cellar practices for Moselle wines are:

- Spontaneous fermentation.
- Vinification in steel or in very old and capacious barrels called 'fuder'.
- One year of aging, often spent in the same containers used for the winemaking.

The wine classification is complex and embraces dry labels (troken) in addition to sweet ones in which the Riesling grapes were attacked by noble rot (trokenbeerenauslese). The categories are determined according to the concentration of sugar in the wort (the value is calculated in degrees Oechsle).





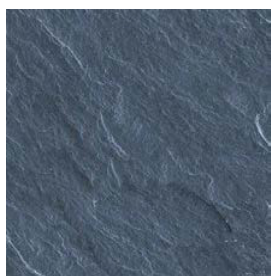
### Categories:

- **Kabinett:** must respect the grape variety and the production area. It can be dry or have some residual sugar.
- **Spätlese:** from the late harvest. Not only sweeter wines, but also exemplary ones that are more profound and concentrated. The grapes used for this category must have a perfect level of ripeness. Wines named spätlese can be either dry or sweet.
- **Auslese:** the term can be translated as selected harvest. For this category, grape bunches that have been attacked by noble rot, can also be used. Auslese wines can be both dry or have some residual sugar.
- **Beerenauslese:** the term can be translated as harvest of selected berries. It exists only in a sweet version.
- **Trockenbeerenauslese:** harvest of dry selected berries. Rare, sweet wines with a low alcohol content. During the production of this category, fermentation is rendered difficult by the high sugar content. The Trockenbeerenauslese (abbreviated TBA) can only be dessert wines.
- **Eiswein:** this 'ice wine' is made naturally from frozen berries. Wines of this classification have the same sugar content of Beerenauslese. This category consists of only sweet wines.

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It is the vintage of balance, tension, great stylistic rigor and longevity. Acidity, density and tension are the strengths that will make this vintage unique and will make it enter the “hall of fame” of the Moselle vintages.

2019 presents wines with a well-defined stylistic imprint right from the start where the characteristics of the vine and Moselle are enhanced to the maximum of the vintage.



### **Blue Slate**

Characteristics: very diffuse in the Mosel, generally gives the wine, from this flavorful terrain, some smoky tones, but above all emphasizes the fruity aspect by adding tropical undertones to it.

Most famous cru: **Bernkasteler Lay**



### **Gray Slate**

Generally brings extreme finesse to the Riesling with emerging sensations of flowers, as well as a very evident acidity and flavor. Diffuse in the Mosel but primarily found in the Saar.

Most famous cru: **Piesporter Goldtröpfchen**



### **Red Slate**

Not very diffuse in this area. Usually confers a sensation of opulence to the Riesling that expresses itself, while perhaps losing at times a bit of finesse. Herbal tones ascribable to spices, sometimes fresh, but mostly dried.

Most famous cru: **Ürziger Würzgarten**

In reality, the slate varieties - mostly blue and gray - are mixed together in many areas. Thus, the aromatic characteristics of the two types of terrains combine in the wines derived from these soils. One of the most representative crus of this mixed slate variety is the Wehlener Sonnenuhr.

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The targets are three: short (5-8 years), medium (10-15 years) and long (more than 15 years), which denote the aging potential of the wine.



SHORT (5-8 years)



MEDIUM (10-15 years)



LONG (more than 15 years)

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### Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Auslese Goldkapsel 2019

WEINGUT FRITZ HAAG

*Astonishing wine that stands out for its measured balance between all the different characteristics involved. Lemon zest, dried apricot and yellow pear, combined with a touch of white pepper. Density and great thickness in the tasty mouth. Very long finish with tautness. Fruity and spicy tones in the aftertaste.*



100



### Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese Mosel 2019

WILLI SCHAEFER

*A vineyard characterized by unique complexity and a subsoil with a striking minerality have been translated into this Spätlese with a very strong personality. On the nose, candied citron, tangerine peel, pineapple with hints of fresh thyme. Dense, thick and crunchy mouth. Iodized finish.*



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### Saarburger Rausch Riesling GG Trocken 2019

WEINGUT FORSTMEISTER GELTZ ZILLIKEN

*A newly-marketed version of Zilliken that reveals a great finesse and elegance from extra-late harvest. On the nose, acacia flowers, candied citron and white-fleshed nectarine, with hints of officinal herbs, especially citrus thyme. The mouth is dense, thick with a marvellous persistence. Candied fruit and officinal notes that come back in the aftertaste.*



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### Saarburger Rausch Riesling Kabinett 2019

WEINGUT FORSTMEISTER GELTZ ZILLIKEN

*From the same extraordinary vineyard, this version of Kabinett plays between the citrusy tones of pink grapefruit, mango and spicy hints from fresh cinnamon. The mouth discovers an impressive minerality. Sapid and crunchiness with a remarkable persistence.*



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### Saarburg Rausch Riesling Auslese 2019

WEINGUT FORSTMEISTER GELTZ ZILLIKEN

*A spectacular vineyard whose slope is beyond imagination. Situated right in the centre of Saarburg, an extraordinarily rich subsoil made of basalt and diabase, that offers a resounding minerality. Late and productive harvest generates a sensational wine. On the nose, aromas of melon, persimmon and passion fruit, hints of ginger. Juicy and dense mouth with great tautness. Salty finish and very long persistence.*





99+



### Graacher Domprobst Riesling Auslese Mosel 2019

WILLI SCHAEFER

From the wine varietal that ensured the success of this firm, here is a version from selected and late-harvested grapes. Fermented in acacia barrels, multifaceted nose recalling dried apricot, touches of star anise, bergamot and balsamic closing. Both juicy and compact in the mouth, with long-lasting persistence.



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### Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese Goldkapsel 2019

WEINGUT JOH. JOS. PRÜM

This winery represents a real heritage of Mosel, in one of its best interpretations, produced by a very rich 2019 grape harvest. Mango, kiwi and lychee on the nose, with hints of fresh marjoram. The mouth shows sapidity and great tautness. Breathtaking finish with tasty and fruity notes in the aftertaste.



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### Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese Goldkapsel 2019

WEINGUT FRITZ HAAG

Another successful experience from late and selected harvest. Canned peaches, orange blossom, barley candy on the nose, with a hint of white pepper. Sumptuous attack in the mouth with perfect balance of ginger, sweet spices and citrus. Then, great minerality and persistence.



99+



### Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese 2019

WEINGUT JOH. JOS. PRÜM

Unique and sophisticated balance in this Spätlese. On the nose, apricot and white peach with a hint of officinal herbs where marjoram dominates. The mouth is very tasty, compact, with perfect astringency and great minerality. The finish shows a very long persistence with citrusy notes.



99+



### Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese 2019

WEINGUT JOH. JOS. PRÜM

Extraordinarily rich harvest reflected in the fruit complexity and vigour of this Auslese. Initial aromas of bergamot, then, mango and lychee with nuances of white flowers, star anise. The mouth is juicy and dense with appreciable minerality. Wonderful persistence, with tropical fruits and citrusy notes in the aftertaste.



99+



### Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Spätlese 2019

WEINGUT DR. LOOSEN

Two hundred years of history, all spent in the pursuit of wine quality in a unique territory. Late harvest managed with incredible skills both in vineyard and wine cellar. Captivating on the nose, white-fleshed nectarine, touches of thyme, then, citron zest. Great sapidity on the palate, with fruity/officinal notes in the aftertaste. Long-lasting persistence.



99+


**Saarburger Rausch Riesling Spätlese 2019**
**WEINGUT FORSTMEISTER GELTZ ZILLIKEN**

Another unforgettable Spätlese. On the nose, persimmon, melon and mango with a beautiful iodized note in the background and balsamic touches from eucalyptus. The mouth displays great minerality and crunchiness. Sapidly and balsamic notes in the aftertaste. On the finish, excellent length.



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**Saarburger Rausch Riesling Auslese 2019**
**WEINGUT FORSTMEISTER GELTZ ZILLIKEN**

Selected botrytized grapes that are managed with higher level skills. Great finesse on the nose recalling white flowers, white-fleshed nectarine with mentholated finish. Density and sapidity in the mouth, with hints of white pepper and ginger. Beautiful minerality and excellent persistence.



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**Wehlen Sonnenuhr Riesling Trocken GG 2019**
**WEINGUT J. WEGELER**

Wonderful work of cleanliness both in vineyard and wine cellar, for this dry Riesling that brims with personality. On the nose, initial fragrances of hawthorn followed by bergamot and apricot, officinal touch from fresh sage. Taut and sophisticated palate with beautiful density. Officinal notes in the aftertaste. Very long iodized persistence.



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**Saarburg Riesling Trocken 2019**
**WEINGUT FORSTMEISTER GELTZ ZILLIKEN**

A perfectly balanced Riesling. The nose displays an impressive finesse: lime, melon, pink grapefruit, hints of sage. The mouth is dense and thick, greatly juicy with fruity tones in the aftertaste. Ravishing persistence until the end of the sip.



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**Graach Josephshöfer Riesling Spätlese 2019**
**REICHSGRAF VON KESSELSTATT**

A spectacular Riesling from a selected late harvest and botrytized grapes. Nose of great finesse, hints of noble rot, orange zest, canned peach, a touch of yellow flowers. The mouth is both taut and dense, with great firmness. Very long persistence ending on the notes of candied fruit in the aftertaste.



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**Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Auslese 2019**
**WEINGUT GRANS-FASSIAN**

Ravishing interpretation of Auslese from a subarea of great vocation. Fresh and equally juicy. On the nose, very citrusy notes from clementine and hints of candied orange peels, then, mentholated finish. Crunchy mouth with beautiful tautness and sapidity. The closing highlights a citrusy trace that reappears with hints of ginger. Extraordinarily long and balanced persistence.





## WINE RANKING

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**Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett 2019**

WEINGUT JOH. JOS. PRÜM

*Marvellous Kabinett, typical expression of the Wehlen area that provides a fruit of great vigour. On the nose, quince, caramelised peach and marjoram. Greatly balanced mouth. Juicy, tasty, led by a nice acidity. Official notes reappear in the aftertaste.*



98+

**Bernkasteler Badstube Riesling Kabinett 2019**

WEINGUT JOH. JOS. PRÜM

*Proper balance also in this Kabinett produced by a winery that has almost reached perfection. Subsoils rich of slate. Very fine nose, perfumes of nectarine, hints of white pepper, mentholated trace in the closing. Tasty, crunchy mouth with a long-lasting persistence. Official notes in the aftertaste.*



98+

**Bernkastel Doctor Riesling Auslese 2019**

WEINGUT J. WEGELER

*The legendary Bernkastel, with its proverbial slope and the unique minerality that make it one of the most sought-after wines in the world. Auslese version with a nice fruity profile on the nose: yellow peach, plum, a touch of citrus thyme. Spiciness is lengthened on the palate, with perceptions of ginger, great sapid tautness. Official trace in the aftertaste.*



98+

**Erdener Treppchen Riesling Kabinett 2019**

WEINGUT DR. LOOSEN

*The classic red slates of wine varietals owned by Loosen that confer a unique minerality to this Riesling from "early" harvest. Nice olfactory profile: lemon peel, green apple and sweet spices, especially cinnamon. Tasty and taut mouth with beautiful crunchiness. Citrusy notes in the aftertaste.*



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**Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese 2019**

WEINGUT JOH. JOS. PRÜM

*Accurate selection from a vineyard that displays a resounding vocation for this unforgettable Auslese. On the nose, yellow-fleshed peach, quince, a hint of sweet spices, especially vanilla. Great expressiveness in the mouth, tautness and juiciness. Closing of fruity notes.*



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**Scharzhofberger Riesling Kabinett 2019**

REICHSGRAF VON KESSELSTATT

*From one of the most celebrated (and coldest!) cru of the Mosel region, a wine marked by a surprising mineral strength. On the nose, white-fleshed fruit with citrusy hints, chinotto, nectarine and closing of fresh thyme. The mouth is taut, tasty and crispy. On the finish, great persistence.*



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### Berncasteler Doctor Riesling Auslese Selection 2019

WEINGUT WWE. DR. H. THANISCH ERBEN THANISCH

Unforgettable Auslese from a selection involving an equally rich vintage. On the nose, white flowers, orange blossom, candied fruit, then, saffron. Closing of vegetal touches. In the mouth, it is juicy, dense, with beautiful tautness and very long persistence.



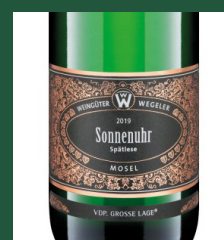
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### Wehlen Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese 2019

WEINGUT J. WEGELER

Unique version of Spätlese from the area of Wehlener Sonnenuhr. In the mouth, tropical fruits, mango, papaya, a hint of lychee ending on scents of white flowers. Juicy mouth with excellent minerality, persistence. Tropical and tasty finish, marvellous length.



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### Alte Reben Riesling Trocken Mosel 2019

MAXIMIN GRÜNHAUS

Classic expression of a successful vintage in this wine that is both intense and impressive. Great freshness on the nose, thanks to candied citron, green apple and a beautiful iodized trace, followed by freshly cut grass. On the palate, freshness along with pleasant tautness and length. Fruity finish.



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### Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese Mosel 2019

WILLI SCHAEFER

Ravishing Auslese, yet another demonstration of the quality of the 2019 vintage for the Schaefer winery. Superb olfactory profile: mango and pineapple, with hints of sweet spices, especially vanilla, ending on great freshness. Tasty mouth, beautiful length. The finish is excellent with fruity notes in the aftertaste.



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### Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese 2019

WEINGUT HAART

Superb interpretation of Spätlese. Very fine nose with aromas of kiwi, pineapple, hints of bergamot and fresh marjoram. The mouth is compact and nicely crunch. Convincing persistence, official notes in the aftertaste.



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### Scharzhofberger Riesling Kabinett 2019

VON HÖVEL

Again, the Saar area for this Kabinett that is sophisticated and incisive at the same time. On the nose, tangerine with hints of candied citron and nectarine. The palate is both salty and fruity, with notes of yellow-fleshed fruit in the aftertaste. On the finish, great persistence and length.



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### Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Spätlese 2019

WEINGUT GRANS-FASSIAN

*Grey-blue slate ensures a fruit with unreal crunchiness. Citrusy nose, pink grapefruit, candied citron, a touch of white flowers and grass-mowing on the finish. The mouth discovers a pleasant crunchiness and density. Closing of citrusy notes.*



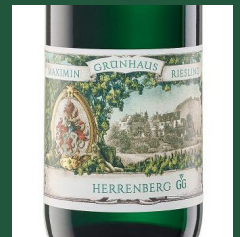
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### Herremberg Riesling Trocken GG 2019

MAXIMIN GRÜNHAUS

*A winery boasting a centuries-old tradition that in this interpretation is capable of returning all the minerality of slate subsoils that are typical of Herremberg. On the nose, tropical fruits, above all mango, lychee, officinal hints due to fresh marjoram. Crunchy mouth backed by nice acidity. Long persistence with tropical fruit notes in the aftertaste.*



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### Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett Mosel 2019

WILLI SCHAEFER

*Another noteworthy label from the Graacher Himmelreich vineyard, in its version of Kabinett. White-fleshed nectarine, yellow plum and a hint of thyme. Pleasantly fresh and crispy in the mouth. Good tautness, excellent persistence with compact finish.*



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### Ockfener Bockstein Riesling Kabinett 2019

REICHSGRAF VON KESSELSTATT

*In the Saar area, here is a Riesling of extraordinary finesse. Fragrances of bergamot, green apple, hints of fresh marjoram at the end of the olfaction. Sapidity in the mouth that displays a great tautness and crunchiness. Persistent finish with a wonderful length.*



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### Lay Bernkastel Riesling Auslese Fass 4 2019

WEINGUT S. A. PRÜM

*Auslese of notable freshness from a winery inspired to biodynamic principles. On the nose, yellow plum and nectarine, a touch of orange blossoms and sage. Dense and juicy palate, hints of chestnut honey. Officinal notes in the aftertaste. The finish is very fresh with a beautiful sapid strength.*



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### Bernkasteler Doctor Riesling Spätlese 2019

WEINGUT WWE. DR. H. THANISCH ERBEN THANISCH

*A legendary firm in this version of late harvest that benefits from a vintage of great substance. Octogenarian vines, a combination of elegance and minerality. On the nose, apricot and chinotto, then, a floral trace due to orange blossom. Taut and firm mouth with great minerality. Persistence on the finish.*



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### Bernkasteler Doctor Riesling GG Trocken 2019

WEINGUT WWE. DR. H. THANISCH ERBEN THANISCH

*This version of Trocken shows, again, the cleanliness reached by Wwe. Dr. H. Thanisch. On the nose, lemon zest, persimmon, yellow plum, hints of grass-mowing. The mouth is taut with officinal notes in the aftertaste. Long-lasting persistence.*



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### Ockfen Bockstein Riesling Kabinett 2019

WEINGUT FORSTMEISTER GELTZ ZILLIKEN

*A very brilliant Kabinett, whose nose recalls bergamot and apricot, with hints of fresh thyme and dried fruit at the end of olfaction. The palate displays a beautiful tautness and verticality. Both juicy and persistent. Closing of dried fruit notes in the aftertaste.*



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### Saarburg Riesling Feinherb 2019

WEINGUT FORSTMEISTER GELTZ ZILLIKEN

*From the area of Rauch, a masterful Riesling. White-fleshed nectarine, citron zest and closing on the tones of marjoram with hints of eucalyptus. Crunchy and taut mouth. Persistent finish where citrusy notes reappear.*



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### Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Auslese 2019

WEINGUT HAART

*Excellent Auslese from a winery dating back to 1337, inspired to sustainable production. Sophisticated nose: saffron, yellow plum, peach, a hint of officinal herbs. The mouth is dense, backed by a well-defined acidity. Tautness and thickness. Greatly persistent on the finish, with yellow fruit that comes back.*



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### Kanzem Altenberg Riesling Spätlese Alte Reben 2019

WEINGUT VON OTHEGRAVEN

*Vigour and vivaciousness for this Spätlese produced by vines aged over fifty years. The nose recalls apricot, nectarine and marjoram with a touch of white flowers. The mouth is crunchy and taut, with beautiful sapidity and persistence. Fruity notes coming back on the finish.*



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### Wawern Herrenberger Riesling Kabinett 2019

WEINGUT VON OTHEGRAVEN

*Ravishing Kabinett from one of the most famous wine-producing areas in Saar. Beautiful exposure for fruits marked by a great finesse. On the nose, citron zest and lime, then, green apple followed by hints of sage and white flowers. Crunchy mouth and beautiful density. Fruity notes in the aftertaste. On the finish, it is juicy and equally iodized.*





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### Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese Mosel 2019

WILLI SCHAEFER

*Appreciable nose in the initial olfactory profile with lychee, yellow peach, a touch of sweet spices, cinnamon, ending on nuances of yellow flowers. The mouth is crunchy and equally dense. The mouthfeel is excellent as is the length. On the finish, floral notes returning.*



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### Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett Mosel 2019

WILLI SCHAEFER

*Another convincing Kabinett from Graacher Domprobst, the other 'cru' by Schaefer. Good freshness on the nose: lemon zest, yellow peach, a hint of pineapple followed by white pepper. Taut mouth with sapidity and density, hints of sweet spices. Citrusy notes in the aftertaste.*



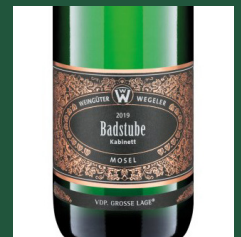
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### Bernkastel Badstube Riesling Kabinett 2019

WEINGUT J. WEGELER

*Another first-class wine produced in a selected area. Green apple, Abate Fetel pear, a hint of pink grapefruit in the final olfaction with hints of freshly cut grass. The mouth is juicy and pleasantly dense. Persistent closing with, again, officinal notes.*



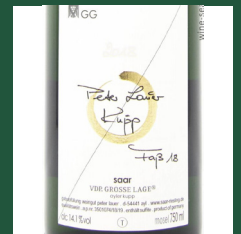
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### Ayler Kupp Riesling Fass 18 GG 2019

WEINGUT PETER LAUER

*Majestic olfactory profile with predominance of bergamot, lemon zest, citrus thyme and hints of yellow flowers. The mouth is salty and persistent. Wonderful tautness with officinal notes that come back on the finish.*



96+



### Wintricher Ohligsberg Riesling Spätlese 2019

WEINGUT HAART

*From a very interesting slope with a slate-based subsoil of great minerality, an equally mineral wine. On the nose, yellow-fleshed fruit, plum, peach, a touch of pineapple. The palate is taut with a beautiful sapidity. Excellent crunchiness and persistence. Fruity notes that return on the finish.*



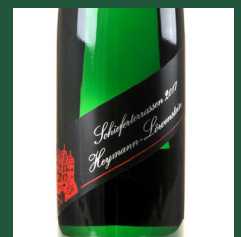
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### Schieferterrassen Beerenauslese Riesling 2019

WEINGUT HEYMANN-LÖWENSTEIN

*All the charm of the so-called "Terrassenmosel" (Lower Mosel) in this version of Riesling marked by a great minerality and produced by a top quality and sustainable winery. Remarkable strength on the nose, with aromas of yellow-fleshed fruit on scents of bergamot, then, yellow flowers. Crunchy and taut mouth with a beautiful acidity. Hints of caramel, extraordinarily persistent on the finish.*



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**Erdener Treppchen Riesling Trocken GG Alte Reben 2019****WEINGUT DR. LOOSEN**

*Another extraordinary wine produced by Loosen, in the Erdener Treppchen area. Fragrances of bergamot, then ripe yellow fruits (nectarines, yellow plums), followed by officinal hints from fresh sage. Dense and thick mouth. Fresh and persistent with fruity notes in the aftertaste.*



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**Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese 2019****WEINGUT FRITZ HAAG**

*Unforgettable Auslese. On the nose, citron zest, salted caramel, apricot, officinal hints of thyme, then, quince. Wonderful freshness in the mouth that is both dense and taut. Officinal trace in the aftertaste. Closing on the notes of candied fruit.*



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**Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Spätlese 2019****WEINGUT FRITZ HAAG**

*A flawless hand, that of Oliver, also in this late harvest from a vineyard that has become history. On the nose, canned peach, hints of quince. Great freshness on the finish, due to mint. The mouth discovers a beautiful acidity and freshness. Officinal tones in the aftertaste, persistent closing.*





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