

## Bewertungen & Verkostungsnotizen

### 99 Punkte

#### 2023 KASTANIENBUSCH Riesling GG

Incredibly intense wild herb and berry aromas plus flinty energy on the extremely focused, medium-bodied palate. Then a giant wave of stony minerality washes over you, almost knocking you off your feet. So filigreed and brilliant in the almost endless finish. Still so young, this great dry riesling masterpiece needs decanting and large glasses if you want to drink it young.

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#### 2023 GANZ HORN Riesling GG

Intensely smoky with laser-beam straightness and abundant power, this youthful dry riesling GG needs plenty of aeration to gradually open up. Then you get notes of licorice and dried orange peel. Vibrates in an extraordinary way on the compact, medium- to full-bodied palate, then builds to a monumental finish that is still really tight.

#### 2023 SCHÄWER Riesling GG

Dry rieslings with this kind of crystalline purity and slatey intensity are extremely rare in the Pfalz region. I love the aromas of dripping flowers and leaves after a summer storm. Delightful and serious on the super-focused, nova-bright and medium-bodied palate, then enormous wet stone minerality in the extremely long and precise finish.

#### 2022 IM SONNENSCHEN Spätburgunder GG

The compelling aromas of red fruit, Damson plums, summer flowers and baking spices pull you irresistibly into the velvety vortex of this very concentrated, medium- to full-bodied Pfalz pinot noir. It has the structure of Clos de la Roche Grand Cru from Burgundy, which builds and builds on the simultaneously imposing and graceful palate. How does that work? The important thing is that it really does.

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At this very early stage in the wine's life, its nose is like a smokescreen. The power and ripeness are already exactly matched by the fine tannins and energetic acidity on the compact, medium- to full-bodied palate. Very long, tightly wound, stony finish that some may find a bit austere, but I accept as a product of this terroir.

#### 2023 MANDELBERG Weißer Burgunder GG

What a ravishing nose of stone fruit, quince and summer meadows this great dry pinot blanc has. The fantastic combination of creaminess and chalky minerality makes it very exciting on the medium- to full-bodied palate. Lots of dried pears and a hint of quince paste plus deep bass notes in the imposing yet very bright finish.

### **2023 Albersweiler Latt Gewürztraminer Auslese**

Although Gewurz is one of the least fashionable grapes out there, this is an astonishing expression of it, with fabulous concentration, richness and finesse. Super clean in spite of the ample grape sweetness and low acidity, thanks to the strident mineral freshness. I love the dried rose petal character and the nuances of exotic fruit that make this delicately aromatic. From vines planted in 1947 that are trained on pergolas.

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### **2022 Siebeldingen Spätburgunder "Förster" trocken**

Very complex notes of dried sage and rosemary, allspice, cassis and wild blackberry with a hint of bitter chocolate. Terrific drive and energy on the firmly structured, medium-bodied palate. Long, linear and self-confidently firm finish. Should age for decades! From this producer's oldest pinot noir vines, planted in 1964.

### **2023 IM SONNENSCHEN Weißer Burgunder GG**

Very cool and bright for such a concentrated dry pinot blanc from this rather warm region. Captivating aromas of fresh nuts, ripe pears and candied citrus. Fabulous combination of creaminess and precision on the medium- to full-bodied palate. Super-long chalky finish that's self-confidently dry (one of this producer's hallmarks).

### **2023 Frankweiler Biengarten Riesling 1G**

This very pure and vibrant dry Pfalz riesling has complex aromas of flint, Amalfi lemons, a whole garden of fresh herbs and just a touch of floral honey. Concentrated and crisp with a dynamic chalky energy, this is very subtle in the long, delicate finish.

### **2023 Burrweiler Riesling vom Schiefer Kabinett**

Light-bodied Riesling Kabinett is not usually an exciting category in the Pfalz, but tasting this feels like the essence of slate blasting over your palate and racing off into the distance. Titanic acidity in the Pfalz context means it could easily stand next to the best riesling Kabinetts from the Mosel. The analysis says this has a touch of grape sweetness, but the finish is super dry and dangerously refreshing.

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### **2022 Siebeldingen Spätburgunder vom Muschelkalk trocken**

This stunning Pfalz pinot noir impresses from the first whiff of the spicy nose, with notes of wild blackberry, candied orange and a tantalizing hint of toasty oak. On the medium-bodied palate there's a fantastic balance of fine tannins, deep forest-berry fruit, red-beet character and elegant acidity. Extremely long and emphatically dry finish. Great aging potential!

### **2023 Birkweiler Riesling vom Rotliegenden trocken**

The wild herb intensity of this astonishing village wine must be experienced to be believed. Makes you feel at home in the wild landscape of the Kastanienbusch GG site at the edge of the Haardt forest where it grew. Enormous freshness is married to mineral depth and power on the focused, medium-bodied palate. Then the finish makes you feel as if you are floating on a cloud looking down on this high-altitude vineyard.

**2023 Burrweiler Riesling vom Schiefer trocken**

This dry riesling has an incredibly slatey intensity. Light-bodied with racy acidity as sharp as a samurai sword, this is packed with lime zest, chamomile and lemon balm aromas. The electric finish may be too much for some, but for me this is as bright as a lightning strike in the night.

**2023 Siebeldingen Weißer Burgunder vom Muschelkalk trocken**

Fantastic nutty complexity is married to deep candied citrus character, and this expands wonderfully as the wine aerates in the glass. Racy and dynamic in spite of moderate acidity and some leesy creaminess. The impression of lightness in the finish is amazing for a wine with 13.5% alcohol. Long, dry, chalky finish.

**94 Punkte****2023 Riesling trocken**

An absurdly good entry-level dry German riesling with the kind of smoky energy and Amalfi lemon expression we expect from single-vineyard wines. Sleek, racy and elegant, with an intense cool-climate personality. What brilliance and purity in the long, exquisite finish.

**2023 Muskateller trocken**

This vibrant dry muscat is light-bodied but has a terrific wet stone intensity plus white peach and lime zest notes. So racy and focused, with fascinating minerality in the long, pristine finish.

**93 Punkte****2022 "R" Spätburgunder trocken**

On paper this is an entry-level wine, and for that it is absurdly good. What a beautifully restrained nose of red fruit and red beets. On the extremely silky, medium-bodied palate, the interplay of fruit, fine tannins and savory character is spot on. Precise and polished, long finish.

**2023 Weißer Burgunder trocken**

Seriously yeasty with smoky tension, this has wonderfully creaminess on the fresh, medium-bodied palate. The lively acidity dances joyfully over your tongue. With aeration it develops hints of fresh pineapple and mangosteens.

**2023 Siebeldingen Riesling vom Buntsandstein trocken**

Quite full and round, with aromas of lemon curd and flint, this youthful dry Pfalz riesling is brimming with energy on the medium-bodied palate. Long, crisp finish.