

RIESLING

PINOT

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Bitte sehen Sie uns nach, dass wir hier in der Hauptsache aktuelle und in der Regel auch nur positive Bewertungen abbilden. Weinmachen hat eben auch mit Eitelkeit zu tun und nicht umsonst sagt schon der Volksmund: "Über Geschmack lässt sich nicht streiten". Und Mal ehrlich: Laden Sie Freunde/Bekannte erneut zum Essen ein, die Ihre Art zu kochen bzw. die Zutaten, die Sie mit Vorliebe verwenden, nicht mögen?

Please take into consideration that we focus on current and mainly positive ratings in this overview. Winemaking has to do with vanity and not for nothing we have this saying: "There's no accounting for the taste". And let's be honest: Do you re-invite friends/acquaintances to dinner who don't like your cooking-style or dislike the ingredients you love?

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2016 LORCHER SCHLOSSBERG „ALTE REBEN“ RIESLING RHEINGAU

94 POINTS

„The bright, citrus colored 2016 Rheingau Riesling Lorcher Schlossberg "Alte Reben" opens with a pretty complex and smoky bouquet of crushed stones intermixed with ripe, concentrated yet fresh and delicate white fruit aromas. On the palate, this is a round, lush and very elegant Lorcher Schlossberg whose hidden sweetness gives it a good, almost creamy mid-palate and perfect balance. This has a lovely crystalline character with an enormously juicy and stimulating finish. A great wine from Lorch's pure slate soils, and right now it excels over the Berg Schlossberg in terms of finesse and freshness. Tasted November 2017. **–Stephan Reinhardt (December 2017)**“

2016 LORCHHÄUSER SELIGMACHER –GG– RIESLING RHEINGAU

93 POINTS

„The 2016 Rheingau Riesling Lorchhäuser Seligmacher "GG" has a deep and intense bouquet of ripe, yellow-fleshed fruits intermixed with flinty-mineral aromas of crushed stones. Round, rich and intense, this full-bodied and elegant wine reveals good concentration, a certain sweetness and a lot of power but also finesse and a silky texture. It is well structured by fine tannins and has a long, promising finish. Keep this wine for at least another 3-5 years, and then use a big glass and be very patient. 13% alcohol. Tasted two times in October and November 2017. Finding: the longer you wait, the better it gets. **–Stephan Reinhardt (December 2017)**“

2016 RÜDESHEIMER BERG SCHLOSSBERG „ALTE REBEN“ RIESLING RHEINGAU

93 POINTS

„The 2016 Rheingau Riesling Rüdesheim Berg Schlossberg "Alte Reben" did not ferment to full dryness and opens with a very clear and smoky-stony bouquet of perfectly ripe, bright fruit aromas intermixed with crystalline aromas of crushed stones. On the palate, this is a very delicate, round, charmingly juicy, vital and salty Berg Schlossberg that has a sensual character and is provided with a piquant finish and aftertaste. This is a modern classic, and it will be a great drinking pleasure for the next 15 to 20 years. The sweetness is well integrated and gives a charming roundness without taking away the precision and crystalline character of the Berg Schlossberg. 12.5% alcohol. Tasted November 2017. **–Stephan Reinhardt (December 2017)**“

2016 „ROSENGEWÄCHS“ RIESLING RHEINGAU TROCKEN

92 POINTS

„Bottled for the first time under this name, the 2016 Rheingau Riesling Trocken "Rosengewächs" is the rejected Grosses Gewächs that was analyzed as too light to get the "GG" status. However, August Kesseler is pretty proud of this wine: "Since our Berg Roseneck has younger vines, we were looking for something digestible with a rather moderate alcohol level. The result is at 12.5% alcohol. We like it as it is, and luckily, our clients like it too."“

The "Rosengewächs" offers a clear, deep and complex nose of fully ripe and concentrated Riesling notes intertwined with flinty aromas of crushed slate. It is a full-bodied, rich, round, lush and densely textured but elegant, finessed and refreshing Riesling with quite a lot of power, grip and some hidden sweetness. The finish is long, compact, quite mineral and still somewhat bitter, indicating tropical fruit flavors in the aftertaste. This will be a remarkable wine in a few years. **-Stephan Reinhart**
(December 2017)"

2015 „CUVÉE MAX“ PINOT NOIR RHEINGAU TROCKEN

91 POINTS

„Dark in color and spicy in its intensely fruity bouquet, the 2015 Rheingau Pinot Noir Cuvée Max is a full-bodied, elegant and velvety textured red wine with an enormously juicy palate and stimulating, mineral, crystalline acidity. Blackberry aromas intertwine with salty and toasty nougat aromas, and although the fruit is perfectly ripe and concentrated, the overall character is rather coolish. The tannins are ripe yet fresh, the finish still pretty oaky, but this is an excellent and very juicy Pinot from Assmannshausen. **-Stephan Reinhart (December 2017)**“

2015 „PINOT NOIR“ PINOT NOIR RHEINGAU TROCKEN

89 POINTS

„Kesseler's 2015 Rheingau Pinot Noir offers an intense yet fresh and spicy/earthy bouquet of ripe cherries and dark berries along with some crystalline and toasty flavors. Full-bodied, fresh and straight, this silky textured Pinot Noir reveals stunning concentration, power and very good length but remains a medium-weight German Pinot assembling grapes from Assmannshausen and Rüdesheim. The 2015 is stimulatingly mineral and well structured, a lovely Pinot Noir to have with food, especially meat. **-Stephan Reinhart (December 2017)**“

2015 RUEDESHEIM BERG SCHLOSSBERG GG

94+ POINTS

„Kesseler's 2015 Rüdesheim Berg Schlossberg Riesling Trocken GG is deep, intense and very complex on the flinty and slightly volatile nose. Full-bodied, rich and very complex, this is a silky textured, highly elegant and expressive Riesling with tension and grip; there is a lot of power and sweetness in the finish. Even leather aromas are displayed and you could easily mix this lush 2015 Berg Schlossberg with top Chenin Blancs from Anjou, although the finesse and elegance is clearly Riesling.“

2015 RUEDESHEIM BERG ROSENECK GG

94 POINTS

„The 2015 Rüdesheim Berg Roseneck Riesling Trocken VDP Grosse Lage has a golden color and a fascinatingly deep, intense and elegant bouquet of ripe Riesling fruits perfectly intermixed with the mineral and herbal/floral flavors of the Roseneck terroir. Full-bodied and very complex on the palate, this Riesling cru is highly elegant and vivacious on the palate, pure and piquant. It reveals a really great and deep soul. It combines power and persistence with elegance, finesse and lightness; the finish is lovely intense and salty. A great Rheingau Riesling with grip, tension and a great ageing potential.“

2015 LORCHER SCHLOSSBER „ALTE REBEN“

93 POINTS

„The 2015 Lorcher Schlossberg Riesling Alte Reben VDP Erste Lage is an off-dry Riesling that offers a very clear, deep and mineral bouquet of bright fruits, nuts, herbs and more weathered stony aromas, along with citrus flavors. Full-bodied, transparent and fresh on the palate, with great vitality and finesse, this is a highly elegant, very salty, piquant and leaner style of Riesling. The wine has a fascinating mineral grip in the pure and persistently salty finish. Great balance and stimulation here.“

2014 CUVEE MAX

93 POINTS

„The 2014 Rheingau Pinot Noir Cuvée Max, sourced 100% from Assmannshausen (70% Höllenberg, 30% Frankenthal), shows a deep, nobly intense and elegant cherry bouquet with more tar and mocha flavors (due to 75% new barriques) compared to the Rheingau Pinot Noir. There are noble, slate-like aromas here as well. On the palate, this is a silky-textured, finesse-full, fresh and elegant Pinot with firm tannins and good tension, due to the dry, mineral soul. The finish is very clear, straight and persistent, indicating an excellent selection of perfectly ripe grapes. The wine is powerful and concentrated, and indicates a great ageing potential. Total production is 1,400 liters.“

2015 RUEDESHEIMER BERG SCHLOSSBERG PINOT NOIR TROCKEN GG

92 POINTS

„The 2015 Rüdesheimer Berg Schlossberg Spätburgunder GG has a lovely, deep, intense and fresh nose with slate, herbal and dark fruit aromas. Round, smooth and elegant on the palate, this is a full-bodied, dense and elegant Pinot with fine tannins and vital acidity that carries this excellent wine into a long and tensioned finish. There are mealy tannins and intense ripe fruit aromas in the aftertaste. This is a gorgeous Berg Schlossberg with great aging potential. Tasted at the "VDP Grosses Gewächs" presentation in Wiesbaden in August 2017.“

2015 ASSMANNSHAUSEN HOELLENBERG PINOT NOIR TROCKEN GG

91 POINTS

„The 2015 Assmannshäuser Höllenberg Spätburgunder GG is clear, intense and fresh on the nose, with intense dark berry aromas but also vegetal flavors. Smooth and round on the palate, this is a very elegant, fresh and firmly structured Pinot Noir with mealy tannins and a juicy finish with spicy, almost peppery flavors. Still terribly young and reductive, this 2015 will benefit from future bottle aging. Tasted at the "VDP Grosses Gewächs" presentation in Wiesbaden in August 2017.“

2015 LORCHER PFAFFENWIES

91 POINTS

„From slate subsoil with a fat loess layer, the citrus-colored 2015 Lorcher Pfaffenwies Riesling Trocken VDP Erste Lage offers a beautifully aromatic and concentrated bouquet of ripe Riesling berries and remarkably flinty slate and quartzite flavors. Very precise and fresh, but also deep and complex. A gorgeous nose! The wine is highly elegant and piquant on the palate, which offers an intense and almost lush texture; it has a perfectly ripe fruit but also nervy mineral flavors. The finish is piquant and salty, but perfectly intermixed with ripe fruits.“

2014 PINOT NOIR

91 POINTS

„Kesseler's 2014 Pinot Noir Rheingau has a lucid, concentrated, dark and spicy cherry and blackberry bouquet; it indicates a beautiful ripeness but also a seamless purity of fruit. Silky textured and highly elegant on the palate, this is a powerful and intense, but superbly balanced Pinot Noir. It has a long, refreshing and mineral finish. The tannins are very fine but structuring. There is power and finesse here, great tension and a lovely drinkability. This wine was sourced from 80% in Assmannshausen (slate soils) and 20% in Rüdesheim (an old parcel with 60+ years vines on loess, slate and quartzite soils with extremely small berries).“

2015 RUEDESHEIM

90 POINTS

„The 2015 Rüdesheim Riesling Trocken comes mainly from the Bischofsberg, but also contains plots from the Klosterlay and the grands crus Roseneck and Schlossberg. Lovely ripe Riesling fruit and grapefruit aromas intertwine with flinty flavors and some pumpernickel notes on the clear, remarkably precise and stimulating nose. The expressive style is obvious also on the palate, which again combines deep and raisin-like ripe fruit flavors with lots of stony minerals and a finely racy acidity. The finish is extremely stimulating, but also lush and sensual. This is perfect fruit ripeness and I can hardly imagine a more typical village wine from Rüdesheim.“

Quelle: www.robertparker.com

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Lorchhäuser Seligmacher Riesling GG 2016

Score: 18

„About the 2015 vintage of this wine I wrote, ‘an Erste Lage (premier cru) with all the hallmarks of a Grosses Gewächs’ – a self-fulfilling prophecy, as since that assessment the Seligmacher has been promoted to GG status indeed. The delightful fragrance of exotic fruit and spice alone justifies top ranking, but the palate does not rest on those laurels and adds rich texture, full body and subtle mineral nuances to the juicy expression of orange, grapefruit and passion fruit. In the presence of such generous fruit Kesseler could also well afford to keep residual sugar at a tastefully moderate level. (MS“

Assmannshäuser Höllenberg Spätburgunder Riesling GG 2015

Score: 17,5

„Dark crimson. Sophisticated nose that does not jump out of the glass but draws in the taster. Interesting inky quality. Sweet and mushroomy on the mid palate. This wine does remind me of burgundy, with the same grip and structure. Very well done. (Not that I am necessarily seeking burgundy in all Germany Pinot...) Lift and race.“

Rosengewächs Riesling trocken 2016

Score: 17

„Floral scent, lemon candy fruit giving a rich palate that has the most charming fuzzy texture. Softened acid, long and pure intensity on the finish. Such a lovely style – welcomes you with open arms. (RH)“

2015 LORCHHAEUSER SELIGMACHER Riesling VDP.Erste Lage

17,5 POINTS

„Seligmacher literally promises bliss and with this dry Riesling Kesseler fulfils the promise. Exotic fruit and mineral rock come together to mix the juicy with the dusty and make a success of it, the vital link being provided by a luscious texture. An Erste Lage (premier cru) with all the hallmarks of a Grosses Gewächs.“

2015 RUEDESHEIM BERG ROSENECK Riesling VDP.Große Lage

17,5 POINTS

„Pale lemon yellow. Really exciting nerve to this wine on the nose. Gorgeous combination of ripeness and tension. Should age beautifully. “

2015 RUEDESHEIM Riesling VDP.Ortswein

17 POINTS

„With the Rüdesheim Riesling, Kesseler gives in to the generosity of the 2015 vintage. The concentration of fruit is remarkable, although lime and grapefruit still pack plenty of acidity to produce a delightfully juicy expression. On the finish, mineral and phenolic notes act as timely reminders that essentially this is still a dry wine.“

2015 RUEDESHEIM BERG SCHLOSSBERG Riesling VDP.Große Lage

16,5+ POINTS

„So intense on the nose that this is almost oily. And then there is something still a bit paint-like, and it's relatively sweet. Not as convincing as his Berg Roseneck for me. There is real ambition here but it's still a bit jagged.“

2015 LORCH Riesling VDP.Ortswein

16,5 POINTS

„If global warming continues, Lorch will soon be the new Rüdesheim, and Kesseler's Riesling from that village demonstrates why. On the nose the fruit is almost exuberant in its range from ripe gooseberry to more tropical notes, but on the palate sound acidity and firm structure keep the body in perfect shape. A sound mineral finish brings you back onto 'trocken' ground.“

2014 CUVEE MAX

16,5 POINTS

„A notch more serious than the entry-level Pinot, with a soft dusting of spice on nose and palate. Racy, silky, with the same purity of fruit. Tannins give the impression of a gossamer wrap on the tongue. Feather-light length.“

2014 PINOT NOIR

16 POINTS

„Pure red fruit, clear as a bell. Trips out of the glass waving bright ribbons of cherry-juice flavour. Easy and delightful. Thirst-quenching deliciousness on a hot day.“

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August Kesseler Riesling Rheingau Berg Schlossberg GG 2017

Score: 97

„Still just a whisker of youthful funk, but this has already unfurled a peacock's tail of delicate aromas that range from apple to pineapple. Stunning concentration and brilliance. Sensational balance of bright fruit, underplayed power and mineral acidity. Long aging potential. Drink or hold.“

August Kesseler Riesling Rheingau Berg Roseneck GG 2017

Score: 95

„Very expressive white-peach and lemon-blossom nose, then a really concentrated yet elegant palate with such polished acidity and a very long, crystalline finish. Drink or hold.“

August Kesseler Pinot Noir Rheingau Cuvée Max 2016

Score: 94

„Still rather closed on the nose, showing only some sous bois and toasty oak at first. This highly structured wine has been built to age with serious concentration and a long, firm finish. Better from 2020.“

August Kesseler Riesling Rheingau Lorcher Schlossberg 2016

Score: 94

„This wine might have struggled and failed to ferment fully dry, but that is irrelevant when you taste the concentrated and complex palate that the mineral acidity lights up like a firework display in the night sky. Drink or hold.“

August Kesseler Riesling Rheingau Seligmacher GG 2017

Score: 93

„Cool and deeply herbal with many mineral nuances on the sleek and long finish. Drink or hold.“

August Kesseler Pinot Noir Rheingau 2016

Score: 92

„A great pinot nose with black cherries, cassis, floral notes and vanilla, leading you into the medium-to full-bodied, silky palate, where there's a great balance of ripeness and polished tannins. With a longer finish this would rate even higher. Drink or hold.“

August Kesseler Riesling Rheingau Rüdesheim Trocken 2017

Score: 92

„Only mid-weight, but this is a super elegant wine with delicate white-peach and pear aromas. The balance of acidity and fruit is exciting at the pristine finish. Drink or hold.“

August Kesseler Riesling Rheingau The Daily August Trocken 2017

Score: 91

„Cool apple and herbal aromas, then a very attractive balance of white fruit, light body and crisp acidity. Long, clean finish. Drink now. Screw cap.“

August Kesseler Pinot Noir Rheingau The Daily August 2016**Score: 90**

„Fresh redcurrant and cherry aromas with just a hint of fresh herbs on the nose. Medium-bodied with great fruit and an almost silky mouthfeel. Just a hint of tannin and lively acidity at the finish make this easy to drink now.“

August Kesseler Riesling Rheingau Seligmacher GG 2016**Score: 95**

„Totally yellow grapefruit in character this is a wine of dramatic and original character that certainly won't agree with everybody will excite many. One of the most exciting 2016 dry Rheingau Rieslings! Drink through 2040.“

August Kesseler Riesling Rheingau Rüdesheim Berg Schlossberg GG 2015**Score: 95**

„This is one of the finest 2015 Rheingau GGs. It's the purity and finesse rather than the power that take your breath away. Striking aromas of mint, lemon balm, and Thai basil are striking, and although this is a seriously concentrated wine, it tastes almost weightless and has a diamond-like brightness.“

A. Kesseler Riesling Rheingau Lorchhäuser Seligmacher Erste Lage Trocken 2015**Score: 94**

„Already the complex white peach, lemon and smoke nose marks this out as a wine of GG quality, but it's even more concentrated on the palate than the nose suggest with a super-mineral finish that doesn't want to let go. Drink through 2040.“

August Kesseler Spätburgunder Rheingau Cuvée Max 2014**Score: 94**

„The fragrant nose of cassis and violets is very typical for Assmannshausen. However, this has a concentration and imposing but well-integrated dry tannins that the wines from this commune never had a generation ago. The long finish has a stunning mineral freshness. Drink through 2035.“

August Kesseler Riesling Rheingau Lorcher Pfaffenwies Erste Lage Trocken 2015**Score: 93**

„The classic lemon zest and fresh herbs nose of Lorch. Sleek, elegant and rather filigree, the mineral balancing the high acidity very well through the long finish. Drink through 2030.“

August Kesseler Spätburgunder Rheingau Cuvée Max 2013**Score: 93**

„Although this has quite a challenging, tannic finish, it is also seriously concentrated with fine redcurrant and sous bois character. Drink through 2030.“

August Kesseler Riesling Rheingau Rüdesheim Berg Roseneck GG 2015**Score: 93**

„All the herbal notes, but also peach and lemon aromas make this a complex wine that's married to impressive substance and a finish that has a refreshingly piquant quality.“

August Kesseler Spätburgunder Rheingau 2014

Score: 92

„This is a very attractive wine for the German equivalent of a Bourgogne rouge with cassis, forest berry and spice aromas. Quite a rich, fleshy mouthful with discreet dry tannins at the long finish. Drink through 2025.“

August Kesseler Riesling Rheingau Rüdesheim Trocken 2015

Score: 92

„For this category and modest price, a rather complex wine with dried apple, pear and spice notes. Packed with fruit, but there's also a firm backbone and you could easily pass this off as something much more expensive. Drink through 2024.“

August Kesseler Spätburgunder Rheingau 2012

Score: 91

„The color is on the pale side, but the cassis and sous bois character is impressively deep for a wine of this category. Excellent balance of ripe fruit and dry tannins, only a hint of bitterness at the finish preventing it from rating higher. Best through 2025.“

August Kesseler Spätburgunder Rheingau 2013

Score: 91

„Although this has quite a pronounced acidity (typical for the vintage), it's also got full redcurrant fruit and a hint of sweetness to balance that. Then there's the surprisingly long, firm finish which suggest this should drink well through 2025.“

August Kesseler Riesling Rheingau The Daily August 2016

Score: 90

„This new "basic" dry Riesling from August Kesseler has plenty of tart peach, lemon and earthy Rheingau character and a balance that makes it easy to enjoy. A blend from vineyards in Erbach and Eltville. Drink now or in 2018.“

Quelle: www.jamessuckling.com



2015 Riesling Lorcher Schlossberg Alte Reben

Score: 93

„This virtually (but not quite legally) dry Riesling weighs in at 13 percent finished alcohol that fortunately does not interfere with the transmission of generously juicy, tangy Bartlett pear and green plum invigoratingly accented by piquant seeds, pits and lime zest. Add firmness of texture along with a decidedly stony undertone and one gets a performance that is by turns innervating and (in a formidable sense) austere. The finish delivers striking cut and energy, with a shimmering interaction of fruit and crystalline stone. -David Schildknecht-“

2015 Riesling Lorcher Pfaffenwies trocken

Score: 92

„This represents Kesseler's first bottling devoted to the diminutive Lorch Einzellage located nearest his home base of Assmannshausen and nowadays less well-known than its downstream neighbors Krone, Kapellenberg and Schlossberg. Prädikat pear, quince

and apple are rendered invigoratingly tangy and piquant by prominent skins and seeds in a bottling that uncannily combines a rich, almost custardy texture with infectious juiciness, near-electric brightness, and crunch. A gloriously sustained finish is transparent to mineral and green herbal nuances. -David Schildknecht-

2015 Riesling Lorchhäuser Seligmacher trocken **Score 92**

„Kesseler envisions this site as the source for a new Grosses Gewächs, and although I was only modestly impressed by the inaugural 2014, this successor is highly promising, if lacking quite the lift or transparency of several memorable Kesseler 2015s. Instead, here is a concentrated, gripping amalgam of ripe peach and apple near their cores, accompanied by crushed stone and sweaty salinity. The sense of density is practically chewy and the lasting finish is tangy and mouthwatering. -David Schildknecht-“

2015 Riesling Rüdesheimer Berg Roseneck **Score: 92**

„Like this year's corresponding Berg Schlossberg, a portion of late-picked, high-must-weight fruit was included here, with one result being 13.5 percent alcohol that makes for a fuller and less delightfully cooling or infectiously juicy and dynamic performance than that of other Kesseler 2015s. But there are impressive compensations! Piquantly pit-inflected ripe white peach dominates on the nose as well as on a satiny palate, with lime peel, wet stone and a mouthwateringly welcome lick of salt adding appeal to a seriously lingering finish. -David Schildknecht-“

2015 Riesling Rüdesheimer Berg Schlossberg **Score: 92**

„Head-turning perfume of peony, carnation and ripe white peach leads into a strikingly creamy, expansive palate almost sultry in personality, especially when compared with the sheer juiciness and cooling herbal and stony inflections found in several of this vintage's Kesseler Rieslings. While this lacks the dynamism of that collection's Lorcher Schlossberg, it finishes with forceful, mouth-coating grip, impressively stony underpinnings and seductive echoes of its floral opening notes. - David Schildknecht-“

2015 Riesling Rüdesheimer trocken **Score: 91**

„Juicy, ripe white peach is coolingly laced with basil and fresh lime on the nose and on the polished, buoyant palate. The sources for this 12 percent alcohol offering include Klosterlay and Bischofsberg, but are primarily from the Rüdesheimer Berg sites. Mouthwatering salinity and transparency to cooling herbal nuances characterize the lusciously lingering finish. -David Schildknecht-“

2015 Riesling „Junge Reben“ trocken **Score 91**

„Sourced, as its name suggests, from relatively young vines in Lorch, Lorchhausen and (to a lesser extent) Rüdesheim, this cuvée delivers an infectiously juicy meld of fresh apple and lime infused with green tea, laced with oregano and underlain with wet stone. A polished feel and buoyant finish add to its elegant aura and irresistible appeal. Here is an outstanding example of the clarity, levity (at barely 12 % alcohol) and sheer drinkability for which Kesseler strives in all of his Rieslings. -David Schildknecht-“

2014 Pinot Noir “Cuvée Max” trocken

Score: 92

„This cuvée, as in 2013, incorporates all of the vintage’s Pinot fruit from Assmannshäuser Höllenbergs and Rüdesheimer Berg Schlossberg, since no single-vineyard bottlings were attempted. Savory, sweaty salinity and intimations of veal stock add mouthwatering appeal to an amalgam of dark berries, fruit pit, iodine and toasty oak all familiar from the corresponding entry-level estate Pinot. The feel is already flatteringly silken, and the generously juicy finish conveys energy and lift unexpected given the wine’s dominantly darkly-hued flavors. And notwithstanding a lightly cooked fruit character, a cooling suggestion of herbal infusion conveys a delightful sense of freshness. -David Schildknecht-“

2014 Pinot Noir “Pinot Noir” trocken

Score: 90

„Kessler’s basic estate Pinot Noir delivers a low-toned combination of peat with lightly cooked boysenberry and blackberry as well as hints of iodine, fruit pit piquancy and toasted oak. But wood doesn’t get in the way of this wine’s polished texture or disrupt a finish in which the aforementioned berries sweeten up and leave a juicy, refreshing trail. -David Schildknecht-“

2013 Pinot Noir “Cuvée Max” trocken

Score: 91

„This cuvée incorporates all of the vintage’s Pinot fruit from Assmannshäuser Höllenbergs and Rüdesheimer Berg Schlossberg as no single-vineyard bottlings were attempted. The stony and fruit pit notes found in this year’s basic estate bottling are more prominent here, and the smokiness of peat-like as opposed to merely black tea intensity. Tannin is much more noticeable and generates a significant, though by no means unpleasant sense of chew. Mouth-filling richness of lightly-cooked, albeit still tart-edged cherry and plum, along with mouthwateringly savory, marrowy beef stock more than compensate for this bottling’s more obvious sense of structure and its austere elements. The finish really grips. I would expect significant nuance to emerge with a few years in bottle. -David Schildknecht-“

2013 Pinot Noir “Pinot Noir” trocken

Score: 90

„Lightly-cooked sour cherry and red currant in the nose translate into an invigoratingly tart-edged and juicy but also silken-textured palate. Hints of black tea add smoky interest, while resin and vanilla from barrel are decently-integrated, and a rich undertone of salted, herbed beef stock serves for mouthwatering depth. Fruit pit and stone inflections pull the long finish in a slightly austere direction. This principle estate bottling is quite close in character to Kesseler and Himstedt’s corresponding Rheingau bottling of “Pinot N,” but with superior fruit intensity and length. -David Schildknecht-“

2011 Riesling Lorcher Schlossberg Auslese Goldcapsule

Score: 90+

„Apricot, lemon zest and nut oil on the nose, along with a hint of brown-spice botrytis. Full-bodied passion fruit flavor framed by vibrant acidity on the complex palate. Finishes velvety and spicy. -Joel B. Payne-“

2007 Riesling Rüdesheimer Berg Roseneck Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese**Score: 96**

„Rich golden yellow. Tantalizing aromas of caramelized apricot, cinnamon and nutmeg on a bed of honeyed botrytis. Opulent, dense tropical fruit flavors with salty highlights. A vibrant finish features a complex burst of slate. This sumptuous wine is still somewhat youthfully one-dimensional, but has the potential to be one of the great wines of the vintage in the Rheingau. -Joel B. Payne-“

2007 Riesling Rüdesheimer Berg Schlossberg Riesling Spätlese Goldcapsule**Score: 93**

„Golden yellow. Quince, apricot pit and cinnamon on the nose. On the palate, the rich, creamy fruit is kept lively by the wine's bittersweet botrytis element. Impressively rich, with a velvety texture and a nuanced finish. This should age gracefully. -Joel B. Payne-“

2007 Rüdesheimer Bischofsberg Riesling Spätlese Goldcapsule**Score: 91**

„Pale golden yellow. Heady aromas of dried apricot, pineapple and nut oil. Succulent tropical fruits give the wine a very sweet attack. Very rich, but with enough refinement to be truly serious. -Joel B. Payne-“

2006 Riesling Rüdesheimer Berg Schlossberg Beerenauslese**Score: 92**

„Rich golden yellow. Refined aromas of caramelized apricot, banana and cinnamon. Rich, dense tropical fruits show a honeyed texture along with an unexpected, uplifting acidity. The long, complex finish features a burst of slate. -Joel B. Payne-“

2006 Riesling Rüdesheimer Berg Roseneck Riesling Auslese Goldcapsule**Score: 91**

„Golden. Rich aromas of mango, passion fruit and cinnamon over finely layered botrytis. Impressively rich, almost creamy fruit shows a distinctly velvety texture. In spite of the wine's honeyed sweetness, its balance of acid and spice allows complex nuances to show through on the finish -Joel B. Payne-“

2006 Riesling Rüdesheimer Bischofsberg Riesling Spätlese Goldcapsule**Score: 91**

„Pale golden yellow. Heady aromas of dried apricot, nut oil and a splash of botrytis. Elegantly sweet, creamy texture, with the tropical fruit flavors remaining light on the palate. Offers good potential for further improvement in bottle. -Joel B. Payne-“

„UNTER GRENZGENIAL GEHT ES EINFACH NICHT“

„Erinnern wir uns: Im Vorjahr verzichtete August Kesseler auf die Füllung von Großen Gewachsen, weil er von den 14ern nicht restlos überzeugt war. Der Jahrgang 2015 sieht den Vollblutwinzer zurück auf dem GG-Parkett – mit Weinen, die verdeutlichen, wie hoch die Messlatte bei Kesselers Ansprüchen an sich selbst liegt: Unter grenzgenial geht's einfach nicht. Das gilt in noch stärkerem Ausmaß für die Edelsüßen, für die Kesseler eine besondere Vorliebe hegt: Die 2011er Beerenauslese mit Goldkapsel ist nicht von dieser Welt. Nein, nicht Rüdesheimer Berg. Olymp.“

98 PUNKTE

2015 RÜDESHEIM BERG SCHLOSSBERG GOLDKAPSEL BEERENAUSLESE

„Geräucherter Penja-Pfeffer, Menthol, Bratapfel, seidig, rund, zart, mineralisch grundiert, völlig in sich abgeschlossen, in der Säure mild, doch das ist überhaupt nicht wichtig, großes Theater, ein Shakespeare mit lauter interessanten Charakteren, großer Beifall.“

94 PUNKTE

2015 RUEDESHEIM BERG SCHLOSSBERG GG

„Deutlich rauchig-mineralisch in einem komplett jugendlichen Stadium. Balsamische Andeutungen, Steinfrucht. Am Gaumen ein Brocken von Wein: respektgebietend, extrativ und dicht, feister Alkohol, wird eher zur milden Seite ausreifen.“

93 PUNKTE

2015 RUEDESHEIM BERG ROSENECK GG

„Noch komplett verschlossen, etwas Wachs, etwas Rose, Rosenwasser, gelbfruchtig, extraktgetragen und geschmeidig am Gaumen, milde, aber ausreichend tragende Säure, eine Spur Phenole ergänzt die Struktur, ohne herb oder trocken zu werden. Enorm junger Wein.“

93 PUNKTE

2015 LORCHER PFAFFENWIES, ERSTE LAGE, TROCKEN

„Etwas Eisbonbon, aber auch Honig, Aprikose, Kräuter, viel Substanz am Gaumen: Lorcher Kernigkeit, aber dies in der jahrgangstypischen Milde. Würziger Abklang: terpenreich mit großer Nachhaltigkeit. Hat Wucht und Feinheit, wirkt sehr komplett.“

Quelle: Falstaff Wein Guide 2017, (Seite 384)

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2015 LORCHHAEUSER SELIGMACHER

Punkte: 97-98/100

„Das ist die letzte Rebanlage im Rheingau bevor der Mittelrhein anfängt. Wie schon gesagt eben im eher puristisch kargen Lorch gelegen. Eine Steillage in der das Weingut gut 2 Hektar bewirtschaftet. Säure zwischen 7-8g, Restzucker 4-5g, Alkohol 13%. Uralte Rebanlagen, weit über 50 Jahre. So super konzentrierte, reife Trauben aus den alten Reben. Ca. 180m über NN gelegen in extremer Steillage. Böden: Schiefer Quarzit. Rezept wie üblich bei August Kesseler, Ganztraube, nur kurze Maischzeit. Abgepresst, vergoren im Edelstahl und 8 Monate auf der Feinhefe belassen. Was für mich das Erstaunliche ist, dies ist für mich der erste ganz große Wein aus Lorch, den ich probiere. Das Mikroklima in dieser Lage führt zu einem extremen Powerwein, der aber nicht phenolisch ist, sondern einfach den Druck aus der Mineralität und der Frucht aufbaut. Unglaubliche Intensität, die Augen werden klein, der Mund zieht sich zusammen und trotzdem ist es hier nicht solch ein extremes Süß-Säure-Spiel sondern mehr in der Kombination aus Viskosität, eleganter, verspielter Kraft und mineralischer Länge. Es ist ein großer Riesling ganz ohne Frage.“

2015 RUEDESHEIM ROSENECK GG

Punkte: 94/100

„Die 1,5ha bestehen aus drei Parzellen. Quarzit, Schiefer und Lössboden. Aus alten Reben. Typisches Kesseler Rezept. Abgepresst aus Ganztraube mit maximal fünf Stunden Standzeit. Dann mit Spontan- und Zuchthefe im Edelstahl vergoren. Der Wein verbleibt 6 Monate auf der Vollhefe, dann wird er abgestochen und bleibt bis zur Füllung auf der Feinhefe. Also Gesamthefekontakt von einem knappen Jahr. Der Wein hat ungefähr 13% Alkohol, der Zucker beläuft sich auf ca. 5g bei ca. 8g Säure. Die Nase ist klassisch Riesling. Zitrusfrucht aber auch helle Melone, Mandarine, Reineclauden, Mirabellen und reife Quitten. Sehr feine Süße und steinige Mineralität ausstrahlend. Sehr reifes Lesegut, dadurch große Wärme zeigend. Schmelz in der Nase. Sehr viel Charme. Der Mund ist köstlich, sooo lecker. Der Jahrgang 2015 hat eine Reihe von grandios leckeren Großen Gewächsen hervorgebracht. Dazu gehört auch dieser. Extrem geschmackvoll und trotzdem zieht sich der Mund zusammen. Trotzdem ist die Intensität und Pikanz groß. Tolle Länge, tolle Mineralität, tolle reife Frucht. Ich bin sicher, der Wein ist genial jung und vielleicht noch besser in 10 Jahren zu trinken, weil er ob seiner charmanten Üppigkeit womöglich jung zu vordergründig rüber kommt und erst im Nachhall offenbart, dass sich da noch viel entwickelt. Ich traue ihm ein langes Leben zu und würde ihn erst mal in Ruhe 10 Jahre weglegen. Ein Wein mit Größe für ein langes Leben.“

2015 RUEDESHEIM

Punkte: 94/100

„Vergoren im Edelstahl und dann bis zu 8 Monate auf der Feinhefe belassen. Das Ganze geerntet aus älteren Reben, zwischen 30-50 Jahre alt. Aus Rüdesheim. In der Nase deutliche Spuren von pinker Grapefruit, Orange, Mandarine, ein Hauch Zitrone

und Zitronengras. Auch wieder süßlicher Assam-Tee, hohe Intensität, strahlend im Mund, sehr pikant, zwischen hoher Extraktsüße und hoher, charmanter Weinsäure pendelnd, große Länge, sehr eindrucksvoll am Mund. Kein riesiger Wein aber ein Ortswein, der schon den Anspruch erhebt mit einigen schwächeren Großen Gewächsen mithalten zu können und sich als Ortswein sicherlich in Deutschland vor kaum einem Ortswein verstecken muss. Ziemlich perfekter Riesling mit extrem hohem Genussfaktor. Sehr trinkig, ja sogar süffig. Überaus lecker trotz seiner hohen Anspruchshaltung ob der perfekten Weinsäure und seiner Pikanz.“

2013 PINOT NOIR

Punkte: 94-95/100

„Nur Pinot Noir von August Kesseler genannt, der Wein kommt hauptsächlich aus den Lagen von Assmannshausen. Aus insgesamt 12ha werden nur 30.000 Flaschen erzeugt. Dort stehen Geisenheimer Klone, die früher aus dem Grand Cru Clos de Vougeot aus Burgund kamen, da stehen aber auch bis über 80 Jahre alte, wurzelechte, deutsche Klone. Der Ertrag ist also ganz natürlich ohne Eingriffe und grüne Lese extrem gering. Die Trauben werden vollständig entrappt und das Ganze wird offen vergoren in Edelstahlbütteln. Danach wird lediglich der frei ablaufende Jungwein abgepresst und ausgebaut im neuen und auch im gebrauchten französischen Barrique. Die Nase zeigt Veilchen, Cassis, schwarze Johannisbeere in getrockneter Form, etwas Blaubeere, viel schwarze Kirsche, Rauchnoten, fast etwas kirschlikörartig. In diesem 2013er sind die Großen Gewächse Assmannshauser Höllenbergs und Rüdesheimer Berg Schlossberg komplett aufgegangen da August Kesseler sie in diesem Jahr nicht separat abfüllen wollte. Davon profitiert natürlich dieser Pinot Noir erheblich. Der Mund ist unglaublich seidig, fein, verspielt, und trotzdem immens schöne Dichte ausstrahlend. Was für eine Burgundertypizität ist es? Irgendwo zwischen Pommard und Gevrey-Chambertin tingelnd. Die Feinheit ist wirklich berauschend, der Wein ist lang, kommt wieder mit schwarzer Kirsche, ganz viel schwarzer Kirsche. Dann auch wieder getrocknetes Cassis, Veilchen, tolle Blumigkeit, leicht erdiger Touch darunter, dabei aber extrem charmant und seidig, tänzelnd, raffiniert und pikant. Der Wein ist schon jung eine große Freude. Er wird aber problemlos 30 Jahre altern. Das ist schon unglaublich gut und so ist es eine Freude mit dem großen Jahrgang 2013 mit August Kesseler wieder anzufangen.“

2015 JUNGE REBEN

Punkte: 91-92/100

„Der Wein kommt überwiegend aus Lorcher Anlagen und ist mir Schrauber ausgestattet. Junge Reben bedeutet über 20 Jahre. Der Wein wird als Ganztraube sofort abgepresst, im Stahl zum Teil spontan vergoren und verbleibt dann 6-7 Monate auf der Hefe direkt bis zur Füllung. Unglaubliche saftige Nase. Mirabellen, Aprikose, rote Zitrusfrüchte, Orangenabrieb, Zitronengras, gesüßter Darjeeling-Tee, ein Hauch gelbe Melone dazu. Unglaublich charmant, zu Tränen rührend. Ob seines Charmes und leckeren Dichte fast an den super Gutswein Mineral von Paul Fürst erinnernd, fast moselanisch daherkommend. Im Mund Aprikose, Reineclauden, Mirabellen, ein Hauch Maracuja – aber nur ein kleiner Hauch. Eher weniger exotisch. Eher dann auch zu Orange und pinken Grapefruit. Die Säure ist famos und hält den Wein absolut in der Schwebe. Dicht und lang, sehr charmant und vibrierend. Einer der top Gutsweine des Jahres und in einem Preisbereich, der ihn schon an eine der vorderen Stellen katapultiert.“

2013 CUVEE MAX

Punkte: 91-92+/100

„Dieser Wein besteht zum größten Teil aus den 70 Jahre alten Reben des Assmannshauser Höllenberg, der ja 2013 nicht unter seinem Lagennamen gefüllt wird. Im Ausbau des Weines wird nur 25% neues Holz verwendet und drei Viertel gerauchtes französisches Barrique. Der Wein stammt eben aus diesen uralten Reben, die ganz natürlich nur 20 Hektoliter Ertrag pro Hektar bringen. Das Rezept ist wie beim Pinot Noir. Komplett entrappet und mittels offener Maischegärung vergoren. Langer Hefekontakt. Der Wein bleibt bis zu 20 Monate auf der Feinhefe ohne Bâtonnage im Barrique. Die alten Reben geben noch mal einen deutlich stärkeren Touch Veilchen, getrocknete Cassis, aber auch deutliche Lakritznoten, auch hier wieder Röstaromen, Toast, geröstetes Fleisch, Maulbeere, vielleicht sogar ein bisschen Teer, Assamtee, dunkle Erde, tiefer dunkler Likör, Kirschlikör, schwarze Kirschen in hoher Konzentration, feine Süße ausstrahlend, Blaubeere, Lakritze. Die Nase ist gewaltig und einnehmend. Dichter, extrem reichhaltiger süßer Mund, Lakritze, süße Blaubeere, auch hier wieder diese wunderschöne Cassis-Veilchen-kombination. Lang, dicht, allen Raum im Mund einnehmend. Er macht große Freude, das ist sehr imposant. Für einen Pommard ist er viel zu dominant, viel zu ausgeprägt, das geht schon mehr in den erdigen Stil eines Morey-St-Denis. Wir sind hier deutlich auf Premier-Cru-Niveau aus alten Reben. Der Wein hält minutenlang nach und rollt immer wieder hoch mit seiner feinen Süße und bleibt dabei elegant tänzelnd, verspielt und doch dabei irgendwie auch wuchtig und üppig. Ich bin froh diese Weine wieder entdeckt zu haben und mit dem großen Jahr 2013 bei August wieder einzusteigen. Das ist toller Stoff.“

2013 PINOT NOIR N

Punkte: 91-92+/100

„Das ist der Einstiegs-Pinot-Noir, gewonnen aus den jüngeren Reben. Eigentlich Bestandteil des großen ‚Pinot Noir‘ und auch diese Charakteristik zeigend. Komplett entrappet, in Edeltahlbütteln offen vergoren, die Nase Veilchen, getrocknetes Cassis, ein Hauch von Lakritze, hohe Intensität, Charme, der Jahrgang 2013 ist einfach sensationell ausgefallen in Deutschland. Wunderschön pikant, traumhafte Finesse im Mund. Wo können wir ihn einsortieren? Vielleicht ein leichter Chorey-les-Beaune, ein Savigny-les-Beaune? Auf jeden Fall ein Wein aus dem südlichen Burgund. Reif, weich, fineszenreich verspielt, aber trotzdem schöner, molliger Körper mit irre gutem Trinkfluss. Wenn hier der Preis stimmt, ist das ein perfekter Gastronomiewein, ein perfekter Einstiegswein in das Thema Pinot Noir. Man muss allerdings unter 15 Euro liegen, aber dann habe ich in meinem Programm wahrscheinlich nur Ziereisen und Friedrich Becker um in der Liga zu spielen. Macht ungeheuer Spaß.“

GROSSE GEWAECHSE: VERKOSTUNG IN WIESBADEN 2017

1. Tag Spätburgunder

Rheingau:

Kesseler überzeugt mit einem süßen, saftigen, cremigen Schlossberg und 94 Punkten. **Sein 15er Höllenberg ist gar Weltklasse, burgundisch, kirschig, Schieferterroir, perfekt dezentes Holz, intensiv und doch sooo elegant. 96-97/100 ...“**

Quelle: <http://www.gute-weine.de/deutschland/rheingau/august-kesseler.html>

EIN WEINJAHR OHNE GRENZEN

Weingut August Kesseler, 2016 Seligmacher: „Zitronenmelisse, Zimt, Minze, etwas Nuss. Perfekter Mix aus feinster Frucht und strahlender Säure. Ein Blitzschlag vom Ende des Rheingaus. Spektakulär. **99 Punkte!** ...“
Spätburgunder 4.0: Das Barrique ist nicht mehr das Maß aller Dinge. Die besten Spätburgunder kommen heute mit viel weniger Holz daher. Egal ob von höllisch heißem Schiefer, steilen Sandsteinterrassen oder von kargem Muschelkalk. ...“

Weingut August Kesseler, 2015 Berg Schlossberg: „Faszinierendes Duftspiel: Nelke, Schiefer, Minze, Weihrauch, Piment. Ein Sucré-salé aus Cassis, Gerbstoff und balsamischen Noten. Extrem fein, vital und frisch. **94 Punkte.** ...“

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