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2022 will long be remembered as one of the hottest and driest summers in Europe but the response to the drought from Germany's Rieslings is not what you might expect. Off the back of the electric throwback 2021s, we see similarly delicate wines, with lower alcohols and excellent mineral intensity – not quite as rapier, they will be hard to resist on release with that uncanny knack to age gracefully. It's a good one, folks!

THE BIG PICTURE

The number of dry 'Trocken' Rieslings in our range has increased over the years and now more closely reflects the German home market, although it was interesting to hear from a couple of producers that the new generation of German drinkers are re-discovering and enjoying Kabinett wines – proving these things are so often cyclical! The classic 'fruchtig' wines are of course well represented and they feel related to the exquisite 2021s, there is true delicacy despite the drought and although acidities are a touch lower, the mineral expression adds to a sense of freshness and lift with lower alcohols to boot. These Rieslings are full of charm, but they also have the bones to cellar – the best will have many decades ahead of them. It isn't news but the current crop of growers and winemakers, on the back of the previous generation's work, are embracing organic and biodynamic practices across the regions. Innovative programs of planting between vines improves soil health, biodiversity and water retention – care and attention to detail in the vineyard and patience in the winery means ever better wines, and the ecological approach makes them better prepared for the increasingly common extreme conditions.

THE WINES

It is natural to assume hot and dry conditions might produce clumsy wines, but Riesling has shown great resilience in 2022 and older vines coped well to produce characteristically delicate wines in line with 2021 but with easier-going levels of acidity, a signature spiciness and vitality, as well as excellent mineral expression. It is a super vintage for the off-dry Feinherb and Kabinett wines, which are bright, full of white orchard fruits, lime citrus and leaning towards

peach; the Spätlesen are charming and have serious cellaring potential, although Auslesen and above are rare this time round. The moderate acidity levels have produced Trocken wines with great immediate appeal, and this will make an ideal vintage for first timers to try the dry wines, while we will look forward to the grander, late-released examples next

"Delicacy despite the drought"

year. It's a lovely vintage, neatly summarised by Christophe Schaefer who commented during our tasting, "brilliance vs opulence, more seductive and easier than 2021, and cooler wines than the vintage suggests".

THE WEATHER

A mild winter gave way to a warm Spring which accelerated growth in the vineyard but while frost was not an issue in 2022, some rain at flowering affected potential yield. The months of June, July, and August were completely devoid of rain, this drought was more intense than the 2018 vintage, and caused the vines to slow the accumulation of sugars – ripe fruit but lower potential alcohols. September arrived with downpours, and this threw up challenges of when to pick to avoid rot issues and possible dilution, or whether to gamble on better weather later which might produce more of the higher *prädikats* (Auslesen and above). For many, since acidities were already moderate, a decision to pick earlier made the greatest sense and most harvested in late September through early October.

"...it cannot be stressed enough that German wine offers great value compared with other top-quality wines"

Jancis Robinson MW

www.jancisrobinson.com/articles/germanys-dry-wines-london-2023-releases



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Storage Wines

Storage Wines purchased from Tanners by the case can be stored in bond.

More Information

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Erdener Treppchen, Mosel



Looking towards Graach in the Middle

Willi Schaefer


Mosel

The Schaefer family have been tending vines in Graach since 1590 though the estate dates to 1181, but it is really since 1971 when Willi Schaefer took over from his parents that they began to build a reputation. Christoph, who joined his father in 2002, now heads the estate along with wife Andrea, and they continue to work their 4.5ha with the calm and measured approach Willi employed. Attention to detail in the vineyard means better wines in the glass, they have total confidence in their experience and Christoph prefers to taste the grapes rather than rely on technical analysis. These wines

have a voracious international following and it is a pleasure to be able to offer them. We tasted with Christoph and Andrea Schaefer over a zoom call in August. In 2022 they took a practical view, deciding to bottle mainly Kabinett, and to produce a single Spätlese rather than chasing the richer *prädikats*. The Feinherb is exceptionally good this year, the **Himmelreich Kabinett** is going to be tough to resist on release, and the Spätlese utterly cloud-like - they have no doubt that this will have 30-40 years ahead of it!

Graacher Riesling Feinherb	DGW18222	6bts		£87
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Fresh with a lemon spritz appeal to the taste. There is plenty of peachy notes with green apple succulence. A wonderful viscosity that is so well balanced by the acidity to give a long and refreshing dry finish. The feinherb sweetness lifts the fruit giving charming balance. 0-5 years.

Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett,	DGW07122	6bts		£114
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Himmelreich always produces the most elegant wines of Graach and the 2022 is no exception. White peach and melon touches dominate before ginger spice and minerality power through. The palate is a complex and dances between lime and apple freshness complemented by honeyed notes giving way to a mouth-watering finish. Perfectly balanced and delicious. 3-9 years.

Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #05,	DGW08822	6bts		£186
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Always the most concentrated of the Schaefer Spätlese, the richness is apparent with pineapple and juicy apricot on the nose. There is a hint of red fruits on the palate that balances well with apple acidity and viscous stone fruit extract. The power all leads to a finish of gentle ginger spice and lychee. The mineral drive means this will age well for 20 years but it's a struggle to not drink now! 5-15+ years.

Kerpen

Mosel

Martin Kerpen and his wife Celia have now grown their estate to 9.5 ha, 3 of which are in Wehlener Sonnenuhr. This estate is classic Middle Mosel – all Riesling grown on blue Devonian slate. The move to the next generation is underway with son Matthias having returned to the winery in 2021 after completing his viticulture studies in Geisenheim. Whilst winemaking is a blend of modern and

traditional with small basket presses used and fermentations in large old oak barrels, Martin is keen to stress “The quality of the wine is created in the vineyard and not in the cellar.” These dependably show a generous and luscious expression of Mosel fruit, with classic blue slate minerality and the **Blauschiefer Riesling Trocken** is a fantastic introduction to dry Mosel Riesling.

Blauschiefer Riesling Trocken	DGW16822	12bts		£90
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Crisp, refreshing and so very moreish. The perfect entry to dry Mosel wines with delicate green apple and fresh lemon to finish. Delicious! 0-5 years.

Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett	DGW06622	6bts		£51
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An enjoyable Kabinett that always balances green fruits with delicate sweetness and fresh acidity. A fruit forward wine that is a delight in youth giving ripe peach and apple strudel notes. 0-5 years.

Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese*	DGS02322	6bts		£90
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To see stars in a vintage where standard Auslesen are rare is special, with Martin Kerpen both brave and patient! Masses of honey and brioche with greengage notes and passionfruit. Astounding value. 3-10 years.

Dönnhoff

Nahe

The Dönnhoff family has been in Oberhausen an der Nahe for over 250 years and have been growing grapes since the late 18th century. While the foundations for the modern estate were laid in the early 20th century by Hermann Dönnhoff, his son (also Hermann) built their first cellars and press house in 1936 and it was his son, Helmut, who achieved international success after taking over in 1971. In 2007 Helmut's son, Cornelius took over the running

of this 28ha estate and they are counted amongst the great domaines of the world. The wines have long had a reputation for exemplary balance, and they have an enviable range of sites to exploit the vast differences in terroir that the Nahe has to offer. There are limited numbers of Spätlesen this year but we are pleased to have again secured an allocation of the new(ish) **Niederhäuser Klamm Kabinett**, and a clutch of their superb dry wines.

Riesling QbA Dry	DGW13222	12bts		£132
As elegant as ever, with bright citrus notes and crunchy green apple. Appealing and green fruit to the fore, with mineral notes and stone fruit to finish. 0-5 years.				
Tonschiefer Riesling Dry Slate	DGW12622	6bts		£87
From the grey slate of the Leistenberg vineyard, Tonschiefer is always delicate in style with white peach and apricot notes, compared to Rieslings from volcanic soils. Tantalising acidity and a crisp finish wrapping up all the stone fruit with lemon zest. 0-5 years.				
Oberhäuser Leistenberg Riesling Kabinett	DGW03822	6bts		£87
A beautifully ripe and generous Kabinett from the south-east facing Leistenberg vineyard. Rich apricot, crystallised pineapple and plenty of ginger spice are kept in check by super fresh lemon acidity. Mouth-watering and delicious! 2-7 years.				
Niederhäuser Klamm Riesling Kabinett	DGW19522	6bts		£87
A staff favourite at Tanners. The steep Klamm vineyard adjacent to the Hermannshöhle gives rich and pure Kabinett wines with rhubarb and peach with lots of creamy notes that show the ripeness. Delicate sweetness and low alcohol balance the stone fruits. 3-9 years.				
Roxheimer Höllenspfad Riesling Trocken	DGW15522	6bts		£126
Yellow plum and greengage are in evidence on the nose but the palate revels in stone fruit and candied ginger spice. The spiciest Riesling of the dry wines, this single vineyard sits on red sandstone which produces weightier wines. 5-15 years.				
Oberhäuser Brücke Riesling Spätlese	DGW20022	6bts		£168
A 1.1 ha monopole belonging to Dönnhoff which is ideally situated close to the Nahe, helping to extend the growing season. Brücke shows ripe Spätlese soaked fruit with drizzled honey and grilled peaches that have a crystal-clear lemon vein to give a long finish. Will unfurl over the decades. 5-15 years.				
Norheimer Kirschheck Riesling Spätlese	DGW19922	3bts		£61.50
With the vineyard named after the cherries (kirsche) that still grow there, we have just 12 bottles of this citrus focussed Spätlese that entwines green apple and manuka honey richness. Plenty of pineapple to finish. 5-15 years.				
Höllenspfad im Mühlberg, Grosses Gewächs, Trocken	DGW19622	6bts		£252
The 'path to hell!' named after the steep slopes of this site (we hope). Deliciously ripe red apple with lime flecks and succulent peach. A ripe Grosses Gewächs that will develop honeyed tones and age beautifully. 5-15 years.				
Oberhäuser Brücke Riesling Auslese Gold Cap	DGS07122	1bt		£55
A tiny production this year of bright Auslese fruit! Rich mirabelle plum and lemon compote are generously bound in a creamy apricot core. Complex and outstanding, just patience required! 5-15 years.				



Steep Slopes in Urziger Wurzgarten, Mosel



Ripe and juicy Riesling grape







Peter Bernard Kühn

Max Ferd. Richter

Mosel

A great old estate and the Richter family who first purchased vineyards in Brauneberg in 1643 are still here – Dr Dirk Max Ferd. Richter represents the ninth generation, while son Constantin, who is now involved, marks the tenth. The winery, built in 1880, boasts an impressive barrel cellar and from the outside looks like something you might find alongside a North Wales railway line! They have 17ha of vines in some of the middle Mosel's great vineyards, but the Brauneberg is home, the Juffer-Sonnenuhr the jewel, and with climate change in mind they are looking to cooler and

north-facing sites too. Dirk reports on the warmest year since official records began being kept in 1881, yields well below historic averages, fruit of great quality, producing harmonious wines of delicacy and great drinking pleasure. The estate has been on a great run of form in recent times and the wines are hitting big scores from the critics with pleasingly regularity. The sheer drinkability on offer here is amazing but both the Spätlese and Auslese will have many decades ahead of them. An exciting collection this year!





Riesling Classic	DGW18822	12bts		£96
A green fruited Riesling that has is slightly off-dry to balance the acidity and fruit well. Easy drinking with orchard fruits and weighty key lime pie notes. 0-5 years.				
Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Kabinett	DGW06922	6bts		£63
A gorgeous Kabinett that is a staff favourite! Grapefruit zest and green apple on the nose followed by peach bellini and creamy quince notes. Very fresh and hides the 53g residual sugar so well, a great aperitif! 0-7 years.				
Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese	DGW08222	6bts		£90
Lifted apricot notes with lots of puréed pear and creamy stone fruit all vying for attention on the palate. The lemon acidity is very fresh and will ensure long ageing for this delicate Spätlese. Sweet and creamy strudel to finish. 3-9 years.				
Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese	DGS02722	6bts		£132
Fully sweet at 90 grammes residual sugar, there is layer upon layer of ripe stone fruits and pink grapefruit all contributing to the bright citrus structure. A stunning Auslese already, this will require some patience but reward handsomely! 5-15 years.				

Gunderloch

Rheinhessen

Johannes Hasselbach is the Great-great-grandson of Carl Gunderloch who bought the eponymous winery in 1890. Based between the towns of Nackenheim and Nierstein in Rheinhessen, the red slate soils bring out a spicy quality of Riesling, with notes of plum, rhubarb and ginger, with great viscosity. After a long hiatus, this is the second vintage we

have offered of these wines, and the quality is better than ever. Jean Baptiste is open and easy-going with hidden depths; the Nierstein Trocken is an impressive Erste Lage (premier cru) combining that spice with red slate minerality. We have a little of the special Gold Kap Auslese and the GG Rothenburg, their showpiece, is highly sought after.








Nierstein Riesling Dry	DGW19722	6bts		£96
Excellent dry Riesling that shows the generous nature of Gunderloch winemaking. Green apple and pear show brightly with white pepper hints giving complexity. A very refreshing wine, showing well in youth. 0-7 years.				
Jean Baptiste Riesling Kabinett	DGW03722	6bts		£66
Just off dry with lots of acidity to balance the sweetness, classic fleshy plum and yellow fruits that reflect the red slate vineyards, giving weight to the final wine. A fine mineral finish with fresh lime juice cleansing acidity. 3-9 years.				
Rothenberg Riesling Grosses Gewächs	DGW19822	6bts		£258
Plenty of energy and texture with apple, pink grapefruit and greengage all wrapped by a smoky lemon zest finish. Long lasting on the palate and lots of complexity to age. 5-15 years.				
Nackheimer Rothenberg Riesling Auslese Gold Cap, 2017 - Half	DGS07717H	1 half		£37
Tropical and viscous with pineapple, mango and lots of maple notes. A rich Auslese that has fine acidity and ginger spice to balance the magnificent fruit depth. 5-15 years.				

Peter Jakob Kühn

Rheingau

The Kühn family have lived and worked among the vines in this famous stretch of the Rheingau for 230 years but the estate came to prominence when their 1991 Doosberg won best German Dry Riesling – the first of many awards and all down to the hard work and dedication of Peter Jakob and wife Angela, who had taken over the estate in 1970 from Peter's parents. They achieved biodynamic certification in 2004 and their son, Peter Bernhard along with his wife Viktoria, took the reins in 2012. A superb 18ha of vines on the gentle slopes above the Rhine, centred around the

villages of Oestrich and Hallgarten – home to a clutch of grand cru sites including the aforementioned Doosberg. Peter Bernhard ferments and ages his wines in large oak *fuder* which impart toast and richness to the wines. Believing time in barrels is key to allow the wines to gain complexity, this offer includes a number of wines from 2021 which have just been released after extended ageing. The **Oestricher Klosterberg** could be mistaken for a top White Burgundy given its complexity and structure.

Jacobus Dry Riesling Trocken (organic)	DGW12522	6bts		£63
An elegant dry Riesling with lemon sherbet tones and a great deal of fresh green apple and juicy apricot. Sourced from vineyards in Hallgarten and Oestrich. 0-5 years.				
Lenchen Riesling Kabinett (organic)	DGW03622	6bts		£84
Pure white peach and creamy orchard fruits well in evidence. Ripe but with a rounded softness that is the signature of Rheingau. Fragrant lychee and ginger on the finish. 3-9 years.				
Lenchen Riesling Spätlese (organic)	DGW04222	6bts		£126
Early morning fog promotes the growth of botrytis meaning this Spätlese always marries honey and lemon posset notes alongside orange peel and ripe apple strudel. Delicious and intense with a mass of fruit layers. 5-15 years.				
Oestricher Klosterberg Erste Lage, Trocken 2021 (organic)	DGW14821	6bts		£120
Baked apple with quince notes and plenty of toast and honey with sweet vanilla spice. Fermented and aged in new oak <i>fuder</i> , this is the most Burgundian in style. 3-9 years.				
Hallgartener Hendelberg Erste Lage, Trocken 2021 (organic)	DGW18721	6bts		£120
Aromatic jasmine and yellow plum leaps from the glass with trademark salty notes from this slate driven site. The palate is rich with grapefruit peel and peach stone fruit leading to a finish well guided by balanced oak. 3-9 years.				
Doosberg Grosse Lage, Trocken 2021 (organic)	DGW19021	6bts		£210
The Doosberg is an exposed south-west exposed hill with winds that funnel through the vineyard, concentrating grapes and ward off botrytis. The result is a complex Riesling with waxy texture and baked apple notes. Vanilla spice comes through on the palate with brioche and lemon curd. 5-15 years.				
St Nikolaus Grosse Lage, Trocken 2021 (organic)	DGW20121	6bts		£210
A mouth-watering combination of powerful orchard fruit with pear and apple all balance by stony and mineral Chablis-esque notes and equally delicious, creamy, grapefruit texture. Guided by vanilla oak, this works the tastebuds and promises more with age! 5-15 years.				

Meulenhof

Mosel

Situated in Erden, Meulenhof dates to 1337 and was mostly in the hands of Cistercian monks (and royalty) until secularisation under Napoleon. Since 1919 it has been in the hands of the Justen family, and Stefan and wife Helma took over in 1990. Today the estate totals 7ha, mostly in the

steep, terraced Erdener Treppchen and its prestigious Prälatskeller enclave, with vines a little further upstream in the Wehlener Sonnenuhr. They ferment in old oak using natural yeasts in the cellars under the family home and produce rich, ripe, and earthy Riesling, representing excellent value for money.

Devon-Schiefer Riesling Trocken

DGW14322 12bts  £84

Bright green apple with fresh lime juice and kiwi notes on the nose. More green apple and pear fruit comes through on the palate with tell-tale minerality and a lovely saline note to finish. So drinkable and refreshing! 0-5 years.

Erdener Treppchen Riesling Kabinett

DGW06422 12bts  £84

Full and ripe Kabinett with grapefruit-scented fruit followed by peach and apricot on the palate. Luscious baked fruits are all kept fresh by creamy yellow plum notes to finish. 0-7 years.

Erdener Treppchen Riesling Spätlese

DGW07822 12bts  £102

Orange peel and honey on the nose show the fruit, giving a wave of apricot and mango richness. There is a wonderful freshness to the finish with grapefruit and greengage citrus precision. 3-10 years.

Rings

Pfalz

Rings estate is based at Freinsheim in the Rheinpfalz and is run by two brothers, Steffen and Andreas Rings who took over from their father in 2001. They make an impressive team and have quickly established themselves as a key producer of high-quality dry Rieslings from Freinsheim, Kallstadt, Ungstein, and the great **Saumagen** vineyard. Their holdings now total 35ha, any new plantings are at very high

density to control yield and concentration, and all is farmed according to organic principles (though not slavishly), with innovative methods of promoting biodiversity, soil health, and water retention. Rings was admitted to the prestigious VDP organisation in 2016 and this is very much a team to keep an eye on.

Riesling Trocken (organic)

DGW15622 6bts  £60

Lemon citrus powering through with plenty of green apple. Refreshing and crisp with trademark pinpoint acidity to cleanse. Fresh and fruity – typically Pfalz! 0-5 years.

Kallstadt Riesling Trocken (organic)

DGW18622 6bts  £99

From the limestone vineyards of Kallstadt, this has powerful tones of quince and lemon curd with chalky minerality and grapefruit to give waves of freshness. Precise and long lasting. 3-9 years.

Ungsteiner Nussriegel Riesling Trocken (organic)

DGW15822 6bts  £138

Rich with ripe stone fruits and creamy texture all vying for attention on the palate. The clay sandstone soils give riper wines but still carry delicious roundness and weight from ageing in older wooden casks. 5-15 years.



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