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GERMANY'S 2019 VINTAGE Effusive reviews from Wine Advocate!

“Germany: Glorious Twins – The Vibrant Energy & Precision of the 2019 Whites Meets the Voluptuous Elegance of the Generous 2018 Reds”

– Stephan Reinhardt, Aug. 13, 2020 (RobertParker.com)

“The 2019 vintage has produced some of the greatest, finest and most energetic Rieslings of the last 20 years. The finest 2019s are super clear, precise, pure and, strange enough, also coolish on the nose, while the palate reveals the intensity and concentration of a sunny vintage. Here, everything comes together and is balanced and also refined by absolutely incredible energy that is unrivalled. The acidity is enormously vital yet perfectly ripe and refined, giving the wines precision, elegance and finesse that makes their intensity weightless and leads to an exceptional finish and thrilling tension that nourishes my hope for exceptional aging capacity.

The combination of perfectly ripe, healthy, concentrated fruit with vibrant energy and finesse in 2019 is extremely rare, if not totally unique. It makes for some of the finest estate and village wines I have ever tasted. Start with **Fritz Haag**, **Wittmann** or **Bürklin-Wolf**, and prepare yourself to be speechless.”

DR. LOOSEN (Middle Mosel)

“2019 was a great year, said Ernst Loosen. Especially for Kabinett, Loosen strives for lightness, crisp freshness and savory character, as is typical for the Wachau Federspiel.”

- 95-96** 2019 Dr. Loosen Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling GG Alte Reben “Full of tension, finesse and grip.”
- 93-95** 2019 Dr. Loosen Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling GG Alte Reben “Juicy, piquant and intense.”
- 92-93** 2019 Dr. Loosen Erdener Treppchen Riesling Kabinett “Intense and hedonistic Kabinett with a lively and frisky finish.”
- 91-93** 2019 Dr. Loosen Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett “Filigreed structure, juicy fruit and a grippy finish.”
- 90-92** 2019 Dr. Loosen Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Kabinett “A salty-piquant and stimulating Kabinett.”

FRITZ HAAG (Middle Mosel)

“The 2019 vintage is characterized by its concise acidity, which has a high proportion of tartaric acid... which provides intoxicating clarity, freshness and elegance in the otherwise dense and profound wines. Oliver Haag has succeeded again in producing an outstanding series of Rieslings, which includes the estate wine with concentration and length that is spectacular in this price range. The low yield in 2019 and the mostly old vines provide undreamt-of density and complexity here. It is a “Wine of the Year” for me and can hardly be surpassed in its price range.”

- 97** 2019 Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese Goldkapsel “A hedonistic Auslese for intellectuals.”
- 96** 2019 Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Auslese “It is weightless yet intense and so sensual...”
- 95-97** 2019 Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Riesling GG “A lithe Juffer Sonnenuhr with great finesse.”
- 95-96** 2019 Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese “Round, charming, highly finessed and very elegant.”
- 94-96** 2019 Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Riesling GG “Intense, complex and beautifully flinty.”
- 94-95** 2019 Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Spätlese “Intense, concentrated, flinty and aromatic.”
- 92** 2019 Fritz Haag Riesling “Pure, bright and crystal-clear...you won't stop longing for it. Absolutely fabulous!”

MAXIMIN GRÜNHAUS (Ruwer/Mosel)

“2019 is another stellar vintage for the traditional domain in the Ruwer. You can hardly buy any better Kabinett Rieslings from the 2019 vintage than those from von Schubert. The Kabinett selections from the Abtsberg are world-class wines that do not stop singing.

- 95** 2019 Maximin Grünhaus Abtsberg Riesling Kabinett “Concentrated yet fresh and piquant, tensioned and crystalline.”
- 93-94** 2019 Maximin Grünhaus Abtsberg Riesling Auslese “Precise and flinty on the deep, thrilling and stony rather than fruity nose.”
- 93-94** 2019 Maximin Grünhaus Abtsberg Riesling Spätlese “Round and generous but also precise, fresh and finessed. This is a picture-book Spätlese”
- 93-94** 2019 Maximin Grünhaus Herrenberg Riesling Kabinett “A delicate, piquant and sensual Kabinett.”
- 93** 2019 Maximin Grünhaus Herrenberg Riesling GG “Juicy, fine, elegant gripping and structured.”
- 90** 2019 Maximin Grünhaus Pinot Blanc “Assembles all the attributes of the grape variety as well as of the Ruwer Valley.”

ZILLIKEN (Saar/Mosel)

The 2019 Butterfly is not just a weightless Riesling that “floats like a butterfly,” it is also one of the best buys of the 2019 vintage in the Saar Valley.

- 94+** 2019 Zilliken Saarburger Rausch Riesling Spätlese “Dense, concentrated, rich and generous but fine and elegant.”
- 93** 2019 Zilliken Saarburger Rausch Riesling Auslese “A delicate and refined Auslese with fine botrytis notes on the finish.”
- 92+?** 2019 Zilliken Saarburger Rausch Riesling Kabinett “Intense yet refined and lofty on the nose.”
- 92+** 2019 Zilliken Bockstein Riesling Kabinett “Pure, refined and slightly flinty on the nobly elegant bouquet.”
- 92** 2019 Zilliken Saarburger Riesling Kabinett “Light and filigreed yet juicy, refined and salty.”
- 91** 2019 Zilliken “Butterfly” Riesling “Irresistible due to its grip, mouth-watering piquancy, finesse and salinity.”

ROBERT WEIL (Rheingau)

“The quality is uniformly phenomenal. Gutswein and Ortswein are fantastic. The dry single-vineyard Lagenwein are stunning. The naturally sweet Kabinett and Spätlese wines are incredibly beautiful.”

- 98+** 2019 Robert Weil Kiedrich Gräfenberg Riesling TBA “A crystalline, sharp, precise and energetic TBA with great finesse.”
- 95** 2019 Robert Weil Kiedrich Gräfenberg Riesling Auslese “Generous, lush and silky but precise and finessed, with great elegance.”
- 94+** 2019 Robert Weil Kiedrich Gräfenberg Riesling Spätlese “One of the highlights in Robert Weil’s 2019 collection. Fabulous!”
- 94-96** 2019 Robert Weil Kiedrich Gräfenberg Riesling GG “Highly finessed and delicate...not built on power and structure but on elegance.”
- 90+** 2019 Robert Weil Rheingau Riesling Spätlese “Lovely interplay of hidden sweetness and typical Rheingau freshness and crystallinity.”
- 90** 2019 Robert Weil Rheingau Riesling Tradition “Coolish nose that also reveals some smoky and herbal notes.”

WITTMANN (Rheinhessen)

“Wittmann is a reliable and great producer who hasn’t disappointed me in 20 years. Try the impressive estate Riesling or the exceptional Westhofener, and you’ll know the road you have to travel: up into the sky.”

- 95-96+** 2019 Wittmann Morstein Riesling GG “Refined, enormously energetic and silky-textured. Morstein fans should not miss the 2019!”
- 93-94** 2019 Wittmann Kirchspiel Riesling GG “Highly tensioned, grippy and chalky dry. A great Kirchspiel!”
- 92-93** 2019 Wittmann Westhofener Riesling “Aus Ersten Lagen” “Remarkable depth and complexity. This is an extraordinary Riesling. Fabulous!”
- 91** 2019 Wittmann Riesling Trocken “Well-concentrated and silky-textured yet firmly structured.”
- 91** 2019 Wittmann Weisser Burgunder “A pure, firmly structured, persistently salty and tensioned Pinot Blanc.”
- 90** 2019 Wittmann Silvaner “Silky, pure and fresh on the vital and fruity palate.”