

VDP.Grosses Gewächs®

2024 sneakpreview

The 2023 vintage for VDP growers was marked by a series of challenges that ultimately led to the production of wines of exceptional quality. The year began with a wet winter, replenishing the water reserves after the hot and dry 2022 season. Spring arrived warm and dry, leading to early bud break and rapid vine growth, which required careful management to ensure balanced yields. As the summer progressed, the vineyards faced intense mildew pressure due to regular rains from mid-July to August, which necessitated close and meticulous attention. Despite these challenges, the harvest began early, with many vineyards starting in mid-September. The accelerated ripening, driven by the warm summer and sufficient rainfall, made the harvest intense, demanding the careful selection of only the healthiest grapes. This diligent work in the vineyards paid off, as the wines from the 2023 vintage have been praised for their balance, cooler style, and moderate alcohol levels.

The Rieslings, in particular, are noted for their purity. They feature slender, citrus-driven fruits, sharp acidity, and stony minerality. These wines, despite the challenging growing season, are well-balanced and exhibit great site transparency and typicity. Many of them offer immediate pleasure while also promising significant ageing potential. Overall, the 2023 vintage, though demanding, is celebrated for its precision, complexity, and elegance, making it a standout year for German wines. The wines are already showing themselves to be highly expressive and are expected to continue developing beautifully over time.

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FRANKEN

Rudolf May - Rothlauf - Silvaner GG 2023

Medium yellow in colour with a restrained, non-fruity nose that hints at salinity and strong minerality. On the palate, it offers elevated acidity and intense stony, mineral flavours. Citrus notes emerge, leading to a very long finish that leaves you salivating. A classic expression of its terroir with a distinct, mineral-driven character. Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Max Müller I - Am Lumpen 1655® - Silvaner GG 2023

Medium yellow in colour with a restrained, slightly herbal and yeasty nose. The palate is lean, vertical, and

marked by high acidity, showcasing intense minerality. Citrus notes, particularly lemon and pomelo, dominate the flavour profile, supported by a stony character. The wine is well-structured with good direction and concludes with a very long finish. Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Rudolf Fürst - Centgrafenberg - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour, with a smoky, reductive nose. The palate is marked by high acidity and intense mineral-driven flavours. The wine is stony, not fruity, with characteristics more akin to Silvaner than Riesling. A distinctive expression with a focus on minerality. Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Stiftung Bürgerspital Würzburg - Würzburger Stein - Berg - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour, this Riesling is highly perfumed with floral notes of lemon blossom and acacia. The palate is very juicy, with vibrant lemony flavours, high acidity, and a touch of grapefruit. Mineral and subtly spicy, the wine has good length and demonstrates great finesse with significant ageing potential. Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Staatlicher Hofkeller Würzburg - Randersackerer Pfulben - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour, this wine has a restrained and not overly expressive nose. On the palate, it is juicy with citrusy notes of limes and lemons, displaying good acidity and concentration. The wine lingers long on the finish with a notable saline character. Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Rainer Sauer - Escherndorf Am Lumpen 1655® - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour, this wine offers aromas of caraway seeds with juicy and citrusy notes on the palate. It has very high concentration, balancing light sweetness with herbal nuances. Complex and well-structured, it concludes with a long, satisfying finish. Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

MOSEL-SAAR-RUWER

Forstmeister Geltz-Zilliken - Rausch - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour, this Riesling features a restrained nose with stony notes and ripe yellow lemons. The palate reveals lemon blossom, rounded acidity, and sweet candied lemon flavours. It has a creamy texture with a salty finish and shows potential for further development. Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Dr. Loosen - Wehlener Sonnenuhr Alte Reben - Riesling GG 2023

(Tank sample) Pale lemon colour, cloudy appearance. Aromas of acacia and floral notes with hints of bitter lemon. Very juicy and attractive, showcasing high acidity and vibrant fruitiness. The finish is fresh and crisp, reflecting the purity of the blue slate soil. Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Van Volxem - Altenberg Alte Reben - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour, this old-vine Riesling offers spicy, gingery, and green tea notes with a hint of yeast on the nose. The palate is pungent with high acidity, very linear, and showcases fresh lemony and mineral flavours. It has excellent concentration and long ageing potential. Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Maximin Grünhaus - Herrenberg - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. The nose offers delicate floral notes of honeysuckle and acacia. The palate is juicy and citrusy

with a hint of spice and yeast. The wine is open and expressive, showcasing high acidity and classic Riesling character with great ageing potential. Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Grans-Fassian - Hofberg - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour with a citrusy and floral nose. The palate is juicy and powerful, featuring slight yeastiness, pronounced red slate minerality, and a deep, pungent character. High acidity and a long finish highlight its excellent ageing potential. Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt - Graacher Josephshöfer - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. Floral nose with hints of yeast and spice. The palate is juicy and ripe with pleasant acidity and a touch of zest bitterness that adds complexity. Very classic with a long, lingering finish. Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Clemens Busch - Marienburg Fahrlay - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. Saline and floral on the nose with pronounced mineral and spicy notes. The palate is pungent, yeasty, and infused with slate and stone characteristics. It has a long finish and shows excellent ageing potential. Score : 17.5+/20 (95-96/100)

Heymann-Löwenstein - Uhlen Blaufüsser Lay - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon with a golden hue. The nose is mineral and spicy with hints of pumice stone and iodine. On the palate, it is juicy and citrusy with ripe, candied lemon notes and a pronounced, almost salty minerality. The wine has a fine, lively acidity, deep fruit character, and a long, structured finish. Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Peter Lauer - Lambertskirch - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour, this wine has a restrained, mineral-driven nose with non-fruity aromas. The palate is powerful, featuring stony minerality, pungent acidity, and spicy notes of ginger and saffron. Warm stone undertones add depth. Not yet fully developed, this wine shows good ageing potential. Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Von Hövel - Scharzhofberger - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon in colour, this wine offers a very intense floral nose with notes of honeysuckle and acacia. On the palate, it is juicy and lemony, with very high acidity and a mineral backbone complemented by a hint of ginger spice. The finish is long and lingering, showcasing the wine's elegance and complexity. Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

MITTELRHEIN

Matthias Müller - Mandelstein - Riesling GG 2023

Medium yellow colour. The nose is floral with ripe yellow lemons and grapefruits. On the palate, it is juicy, slightly bitter with zesty grapefruit peel. The wine is ripe and powerful, showing high acidity and a massive, long-lingering finish. Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Ratzenberger - Steeg St.Jost - Riesling GG 2023

Pale lemon colour. The nose is restrained with citrus and mineral notes. On the palate, it is juicy and zesty with a touch of zest bitterness and vibrant acidity. The wine is very fresh, linear, and directed, with a long, persistent finish. Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)