
JAMES SUCKLING | GERMANY | VINTAGE 2018

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Herzog Rieslaner Trockenbeerenauslese | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage noble sweet

Score: 98 Points

„Golden in color, this offers very, very vibrant orange marmalade and apricot conserve, as well as dried mango. Staggering acidity here. The fruit is so pure with peach and mango conserve in super sweet mode and bracing acidity. So intense that it is confrontational now and needs a lot of time to settle. This is one of the wines you can most easily age in the cellar. Dried apricot finish, seared by 18 grams per liter of acidity. From organically grown grapes. Drink now, but better after.“

Bürgergarten "Im Breumel" GG | 2018 Riesling VDP.Grosse Lage dry

Score: 97 Points

„Very floral with pretty herbal undertones, ranging from coriander to dill to mint. The flowers range from jasmine to honeysuckle to almond blossom. Understated and elegant from the outset. The palate has a very chalky feel to the texture with overlapping, firm lines of acidity and dainty citrus fruit. Immaculately ironed-out edges and well-defined, linear crease. Drink now or hold.“

Herzog Weissburgunder | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage dry

Score: 96 Points

„Lots of buttercups and pure, milk-flavored ice-cream, as well as fresh loquat, butternut squash, apricot pastries and apple curd, all building into this concentrated and powerful weissburgunder. There is richness and some serious phenolics, yet the acidity is more than up to the task of cutting through the buttery and creamy texture. Drink now or hold.“

Mandelring Scheurebe Spätlese | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage fruity sweet

Score: 96 Points

„Lots of dried peaches and nectarines here, but a glimmering thread of citrus and spices makes this both mineral and intense. This is a medium-dry and full-bodied scheurebe that delivers a wealth of tropical and stone fruit and lots of phenolics on the long finish. Drink now or hold.“

Herrenletten Weissburgunder | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage dry

Score: 95 Points

„Bright citrus, roasted herbs, chamomile and fresh honeysuckle come into view. Medium-bodied with some attractive fleshiness to the palate and a boisterous line of building acidity. A wine with outstanding tension and depth of fruit. Linear and precise. Drink now.“

Mandelgarten Riesling | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage dry

Score: 95 Points

„Beautiful flint and chalk character, creating a real sensation of freshness and minerality on the nose. Lemon curd and plenty of earl-grey and green tea are in no short supply. The medium-to full-bodied palate is vertical and tense with gleaming acidity and a colorful, building finish. Drink in 2021.“

Herrenletten Riesling | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage dry

Score: 95 Points

„Fresh but fully ripe mangoes, apricot pie, Danish pasties, and then a touch of some subtle spices, such as cinnamon and turmeric. Very layered and full-bodied, but transparent and agile, with a serious impression of minerality on the long finish. Hints of salinity. Drink now or hold.“

Herzog Rieslaner Beerenauslese | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage noble sweet

Score: 95 Points

„Such richness and ripeness with very clean fruit here; this has a wealth of mango and super ripe-peach aromas, as well as a chalky edge. The palate has very rich apricots, dried peaches and mangoes in such clean style. Very, very rich, sweet and clean. From organically grown grapes. Drink over the next decade or more.“

Bürgergarten Riesling | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage dry

Score: 94 Points

„Dried cloves, white pepper, saffron and lighter notes of almonds and cherry blossom. Full-bodied and powerful with a serious tannin structure, but there's a wealth of finely tuned acidity behind that. Drink now or hold.“

Bürgergarten Riesling Spätlese | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage fruity sweet

Score: 94 Points

„Crushed dill and coriander meet with bright citrus, loquats and pears. Only off-dry and very balanced with a well-judged component of acidity doing wonders for the mineral, expressive finish. Dialed-in and beautiful to drink now, but better to cellar for a decade. Drink now.“

Herzog Rieslaner Auslese | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage noble sweet

Score: 94 Points

„Weighted branches of tropical-fruit trees have been generous here, offering ripe mangoes, apricots, jack fruit, lychees, papaya and baked bananas. Sweet and very bold with a huge amount of depth and viscosity. The tropical fruit turns to caramel and sticky toffee pudding on the finish. Drink now or hold.“

Haardt Riesling | 2018 VDP.Ortswein dry

Score: 93 Points

„Dried honeysuckle, loquat, mirabelle plums and dried lemons make for a concentrated and gripping nose. Warm and very structured on the full-bodied palate with some serious density and phenolics. Drink now.“

Mussbach Riesling Kabinett | 2018 VDP.Ortswein fruity sweet

Score: 92 Points

„Really pretty herbal and peppery edge to this white, which is driven by green apples and barely ripe nectarines. Medium-bodied and slightly off-dry with handy, bright acidity that punctuates the palate. Drink now.“

Haardt Scheurebe | 2018 VDP.Ortswein dry

Score: 91 Points

„This has a very fresh nose with attractive aromas of yellow peaches, pears and melon. The palate has a smooth, succulent and quite concentrated feel. The vintage has given this some real body. Organically grown grapes. Drink now.“

MC Riesling | 2018 VDP.Gutswein dry

Score: 91 Points

„Fresh guava peel and bright lemon zest are the foundations of this pretty riesling. Hints of elderflower and chamomile. Medium-bodied, soft and supple with a medium-oily texture. Drink now.“