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Bürgergarten "Im Breumel" GG | 2022 VDP.Grosse Lage dry

97/100 Points | „Deep nose of fully ripe peaches, orange blossom and dried flowers. Very concentrated and no less precise, it is the astonishing elegance of this wine that pulls you back again and again. Super-long finish that’s tightly wound and extremely subtle.”

Herzog Weißburgunder | 2022 VDP.Erste Lage dry

97/100 Points | "Here is a genuinely Burgundian-style German pinot blanc with a very complex nose of ripe pear, brioche, toasted baguette plus notes of honeysuckle and Amalfi lemon. Stunning elegance, the creamy and mineral aspects of the wine precisely matched to one another. Very pure finish that stretches off into the distance."

Bürgergarten Muskateller | 2022 VDP.Erste Lage dry

97/100 Points | "Dry muscat can be zesty and refreshing, but it seldom achieves this combination of excellent concentration and great finesse. The interplay of the salty minerality and the juicy fruit (pink grapefruit, pomelo, fresh pineapple) must be tasted to be believed! Super-long and elegant finish that pulls you ever deeper into this muscat masterpiece. From 50-year-old vines."

Bürgergarten Riesling Spätlese | 2022 VDP.Erste Lage fruity

97/100 Points | „A super-elegant riesling Spatlese with extremely fine peachy fruit that wraps its tendrils around you and won’t let go. So deep and precise with a pronounced salty minerality that drives the extremely long and focused finish, dazzling the senses and the mind. Built for the long haul!"

Herrenletten Riesling | 2022 VDP.Erste Lage dry

96/100 Points | "Stunning power and depth with huge apricot, peach and mango fruit. Full-bodied with fabulous concentration and balance. Builds to a giant crescendo at the finish yet it remains so precise right the way through."

Bürgergarten Riesling | 2022 VDP.Erste Lage dry

95/100 Points | "This youthful beauty needs some aeration for the wealth of stone fruit, mandarin orange and orange blossom aromas to fully unfurl. Concentrated and compact with stacks of wet stone minerality this is a strong wine that some may find a bit demanding right now, but this has been built for the long haul and has great potential."

Herrenletten Weißburgunder | 2022 VDP.Erste Lage dry

95/100 Points | "Stunning integration of white tree fruit and delicate toasty oak wrapped in a ripe pear aroma, a delicate creaminess and an intense minerality. Everything is so beautifully interwoven at the long finish which is brimming with fresh herbal character."

Mandelgarten Riesling Spätlese | 2022 VDP.Erste Lage fruity

95/100 Points | „A very elegant riesling Spatlese in spite of the ample juicy stone fruit and jasmine character, then comes considerable power on the mid-weight palate. Very long, compact finish that’s extremely bright and crystal clear. "

Mandelgarten Riesling | 2022 VDP.Erste Lage dry

94/100 Points | "A fragrant and graceful dry riesling that shows how attractive and beautifully balanced the 2022 vintage wines can be. Delicate peach and floral aromas with fascinating detail. After a little aeration in the glass you feel the underplayed power more

and the finish gains in length. Built to last."

Haardt Muskateller | 2022 VDP.Ortswein dry

94/100 Points | "The expressive nose of pink grapefruit, melon and basil pulls you into the juicy and well-structured dry muscat that really shows what this variety can do in warm and dry conditions. Such a joyful wine, but also with some really spicy and herbal complexity at the long textural finish."

Neustadt "V" Spätburgunder | 2021 VDP.Ortswein aus Grosser Lage dry

94/100 Points | "Deep nose of sour cherries, damson plums and wet earth with delicate spicy oak. Fantastic interplay of restrained ripeness, good concentration and fine tannins on the impeccably balanced palate. Long velvety finish that pulls you inexorably back for more."

Neustadt "V" Riesling | 2022 VDP.Ortswein aus Grosser Lage dry

94/100 Points | "Very cool nose of lemon blossom, lemon curd and a whole garden of herbs. For this region this is a sleek and almost austere wine with a very focused, intensely chalky finish. So much energy! The first small crop from young vines."

Herzog Spätburgunder | 2021 VDP.Erste Lage dry

93/100 Points | "Warm and rooty with full wild blackberry fruit and a hint of rye bread crust, this bold pinot noir is the opposite of the thin, pale and sour wine much of the world still expects from this grape in Germany. Full, fleshy palate with healthy underlining tannins and lively acidity. Long finish with plenty of energy and freshness."

Haardt Riesling | 2022 VDP.Ortswein dry

93/100 Points | "For a riesling from the Pfalz this has an almost Mosel-like floral personality. Notes of fresh mint and parsley fill out the bouquet. Then comes a big wave of melon fruit that is of eye-popping intensity. Breathtaking freshness at the vibrant finish."

Gimmeldingen Riesling Kabinett | 2022 VDP.Ortswein fruity

93/100 Points | "What a beautiful peachy nose this dry riesling has! Honeysuckle, too. Elegant and refined for the Pfalz where generosity is often written large. Impressive concentration, but every bit as much finesse. Polished long finish with striking minerality."

MC Weißburgunder | 2022 VDP.Gutswein dry

93/100 Points | "Stacks of candied orange and summer meadow aromas fill out this generous, but beautifully balanced dry pinot blanc that has excellent concentration for this humble category with a touch of creaminess on the mid-palate. Long supple finish with a fascinating smokiness."

MC Riesling | 2022 VDP.Gutswein dry

91/100 Points | „Full lemon blossom and ripe stone fruit aromas give this entry level wine a lot of appeal. Not complex, but joyful and juicy with a zesty acidity. This is easy to enjoy, but also elegant."