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Bürgergarten "Im Breumel" GG | 2019 Riesling VDP.Grosse Lage dry

98/100 Points | "Like the first rosebud of the season that has fully colored, but is only just beginning to open up, this is full of promise. Densely packed with minerals and positive tannins that are neatly wrapped in creaminess from lees contact, this is locked into its own time frame. You really need to give it a lot of air for the mirabelle, nectarine and mandarin notes to emerge. Then there's a stunning interplay of fruit and structure through the long, very complete finish. From organically grown grapes. Better after 2021."

Mandelgarten Riesling Spätlese | 2019 VDP.Erste Lage fruity

98/100 Points | "Dense apricot aromas, but none of the honey that normally accompanies this type of ripeness in this style. Serious concentration and spot-on balance. Stunning freshness at the precise, sharp finish that shoots off into the heavens. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."

Bürgergarten Muskateller | 2019 VDP.Erste Lage dry

98/100 Points | "Maybe the finest dry muscat I ever tasted! The supernatural freshness and concentration literally takes your breath away. You really need a whole evening with this wine, to get to grips with the aromatic subtlety (although there is a grapey note and some typical citrus). Long, super bright finish with a ton of minerality. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."

Herzog Rieslaner Beerenauslese | 2019 VDP.Erste Lage noble sweet

97/100 Points | "Dense, dried-fruit character - everything from apricot to fig - which is typical for this grape variety and style. Very concentrated, but so bright. Super lush palate, but no hint of heaviness, the finish very long and seductive. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."

Herzog Weissburgunder | 2019 VDP.Erste Lage dry

97/100 Points | "A very generous dry pinot blanc with a lot of brioche aroma and creaminess that take it in a forthrightly Burgundian direction. With some aeration in glass, a really seductive, very ripe pear aroma emerges that makes it even more sensual. Very long, super silky finish! From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."

Bürgergarten Riesling | 2019 VDP.Erste Lage dry

96/100 Points | "There's so much peach and apricot beauty in this glass of dry riesling that you feel thankful to the power of nature that made it possible. So deep and so vibrant, but it's the elegance that makes it shine like a diamond. Very long, silky finish that doesn't want to let go. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."

Herrenletten Weissburgunder | 2019 VDP.Erste Lage dry

96/100 Points | "A great dry pinot blanc that has so many subtle nutty nuances. I love the creamy-dreamy texture that caresses the palate, without the slightest hint of warmth from alcohol. Then it glides off effortlessly in the direction of the horizon. And these vines were only 15 years old, so they're just coming into their best age! From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."

Herzog Rieslaner Auslese | 2019 VDP.Erste Lage noble sweet

95/100 Points | "This has almost erotic succulence with moderate acidity for this special grape variety, but a ton of caramel and

toasty aromas that makes this extremely appealing. Long, creamy finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."

Herrenletten Riesling | 2019 VDP.Erste Lage dry

95/100 Points | "What a subtle, spicy nose with just a hint of smoke! So cool, focused and delicate. The mirabelle fruit slowly emerges with aeration in the glass, opening up a wide new vista. Patience will be rewarded by even greater elegance than the wine offers now. Drink or hold. From organically grown grapes."

Haardt Riesling | 2019 VDP.Ortswein dry

95/100 Points | "Still very youthful and a little closed, this is so deep and cool, almost dark, in spite of the fresh-pineapple and fresh-herb notes. Stunning concentration and finesse for a village wine. Very long finish that is simultaneously silky and mineral. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."

Gimmeldingen Riesling Kabinett | 2019 VDP.Ortswein fruity

94/100 Points | "Theoretically, climate change has made this category impossible in the warm and friendly Pfalz, but this proves that it can work spectacularly well. A whole basket of fruit, most importantly pink grapefruit, but also so many fresh-herb aromas. Almost no perceptible sweetness and that's what makes this such a cool food wine. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."

Haardt Weissburgunder | 2019 VDP.Ortswein dry

94/100 Points | "What a beautiful nose! To say it reminds me of orange cream sounds a bit banal, but that's roughly the direction it takes. In spite of all the ripeness, this has only medium body and an uplifting freshness that makes you feel glad to be alive. Spot on balance! And that makes it extremely food-friendly. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."

Haardt Scheurebe | 2019 VDP.Ortswein dry

94/100 Points | "The yellow-grapefruit nose is so attractive and this has so much charm that it's hard to resist. However, this is only medium-bodied and decisively dry with a touch of grapefruit-bitterness at the fresh long finish. Very food-friendly. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."

Haardt Muskateller | 2019 VDP.Ortswein dry

94/100 Points | "Very impressive, grapefruit and muscat nose that's deep and subtle. Stunning concentration and excellent harmony with some positive tannins supporting the fullish body beautifully. Long and refined finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."

Gimmeldingen Riesling | 2019 VDP.Ortswein dry

93/100 Points | "Very fragrant and enticing with lemon-zest, licorice and herbal notes. This dry Pfalz riesling is a cool customer, in spite of the depth and juiciness. Long, straight finish with lots of freshness. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."

MC Weissburgunder | 2019 VDP.Gutswein dry

93/100 Points | "Wonderful sliced-pear nose with hints of garden peas and white currants. Terrific fruit and very attractive creaminess on the palate, the finish long and silky with just enough acidity to pull you back to the glass for more. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Screw cap."

MC Muskateller | 2019 VDP.Gutswein dry

93/100 Points | "So many people still think that the wines from aromatic grapes like this are either sweet or heavy, but this dry muscat is stunningly fresh, vibrant and properly dry. It's also subtly aromatic with a slew of delicate, floral notes alongside the signature grapey character of the variety. Super straight and elegant with a very crisp finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Screw cap."

MC Riesling | 2019 VDP.Gutswein dry

92/100 Points | "A delicious, light and juicy dry riesling with so much ripe apple and stone fruit. However, its strongest suit is the great harmony, right through the fresh, citrusy finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Screw cap."

MC Scheurebe | 2019 VDP.Gutswein dry

92/100 Points | "If you love New Zealand sauvignon blanc, then this dry German scheurebe may blow your mind, because it has so many of the same aromas, but is so much more juicy and has more polish at the finish, too. So joyful! From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Screw cap."

