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Herzog Rieslaner Beerenauslese | 2021 VDP.Erste Lage noble sweet

98/100 Points | „Sweet wines have such a problem today because they are so frequently assumed to be heavy and/or old-fashioned. However, there could be nothing more modern in its purity and precision than this wine, brimming with ripe mango and papaya fruit. Nor could a sweet wine be lighter-footed than this beauty. But the power at the finish is also spectacular!”

Bürgergarten "Im Breumel" GG | 2021 VDP.Grosse Lage dry

98/100 Points | „Still extremely youthful, this 2021 Riesling GG is going to take a while to come out of its shell. However, the combination of concentrated citrusy fruit and fresh herb finesse is already very apparent. Bone dry, but beautifully balanced and polished at the very long finish.”

Herzog Rieslaner Auslese | 2021 VDP.Erste Lage noble sweet

96/100 Points | "The amazing nose of exotic fruits of this Auslese, the King Alphonso mango reigning supreme, but there's also plenty of Thai basil. Stunning concentration and vibrancy on the medium-bodied and very focused palate. Excellent aging potential, but who can resist this beauty now? Pristine finish."

Mandelgarten Riesling Spätlese | 2021 VDP.Erste Lage fruity

96/100 Points | „A great Riesling Spätlese with an extremely wide spectrum of aromas from red apple to mandarin orange with a touch of exotic fruit and flowers. Super-racy acidity that gives this a diamond brightness that makes you glad to be alive. Very clean and precise finish.”

Herzog Weißburgunder | 2021 VDP.Erste Lage dry

96/100 Points | "What a stunningly complex nose this expressive dry Pinot Blanc has! So much basil, orange blossom and mangosteen, yet so delicate. Enormous concentration is married to a remarkably elegant and focused palate. Very long finish that's simultaneously, creamy, succulent and refreshing."

Bürgergarten Riesling | 2021 VDP.Erste Lage dry

95/100 Points | "A stunning single-vineyard dry Riesling with apricot and mango aromas plus a wonderful harmony of ripeness and freshness on the generous and concentrated palate. The fine tannins and mineral acidity at the finish support this beautifully. So much apricot character and citrusy freshness at the very long finish."

Herrenletten Weißburgunder | 2021 VDP.Erste Lage dry

95/100 Points | "A very sophisticated dry Pinot with super-fine pear fruit and great precision, this concentrated wine feels much lighter than you might think. The touch of oak beautifully integrated at the very long and very refined herbal finish."

Haardt Muskateller | 2021 VDP.Ortswein dry

95/100 Points | "A very fragrant and elegant dry Muscat that's anything but loud, the pink grapefruit aroma so pristine and precise. Really concentrated with an acidity that's tantalizing and so delicate. The extremely long and pure finish literally takes your breath away."

Herrenletten Riesling | 2021 VDP.Erste Lage dry

94/100 Points | "Wonderful nose of ripe mirabelle with a lemon zest freshness. Super-bright and focused, the tension between almost exotic ripeness and cool minerality very pronounced. Some may find the racy acidity a bit challenging, but we find that really exciting. Very long, finely chiselled finish."

Haardt Riesling | 2021 VDP.Ortswein dry

93/100 Points | "A very elegant and racy wine for the warm Pfalz with a wonderful range of aromas from yellow peach and melon through to red apple and Amalfi lemon. Ample fruit in spite of the relatively sleek body. Long, very vibrant and crisp finish."

Haardt Weißburgunder | 2021 VDP.Ortswein dry

93/100 Points | "A very attractive dry Pinot Blanc with juicy pear and melon fruit that you don't have to be Albert Einstein to understand. The bright, but by no means dominant, acidity at the crisp finish pulls you back."

Mussbach Riesling Kabinett | 2021 VDP.Ortswein fruity

93/100 Points | "Very juicy with stacks of citrus, peach and melon fruit, but also very lively and finely nuanced. In spite of the frank unfermented grape sweetness this has a very clean finish that pulls you back for more."

Haardt Scheurebe | 2020 VDP.Ortswein dry

92/100 Points | "Here's a dry wine for Sauvignon Blanc fans with stacks of blackcurrant and mandarin aromas in the nose. Zesty and vibrant with expressive citrus and nectarine fruit on the barely medium-bodied palate, the racy acidity driving it briskly off into the middle distance."

MC Weißburgunder | 2021 VDP.Gutswein dry

92/100 Points | "A very elegant dry Pinot Blanc for an entry level wine, this is brimming with fully ripe pear aromas plus a touch of acacia blossom. I love the balance of ripeness and freshness on the medium-bodied palate. Invigorating acidity drives the long finish."

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