
MARCUS HOF SCHUSTER (WEIN.PLUS) ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT NEUSTADT "V" RIESLING 2023

In his latest tasting article "Nachprobe 2024 Pfalz | Riesling Erste Lage", Marcus Hofschuster (Wein.Plus) tasted our Bürgergarten Riesling 2023 (90WP) & Herrenletten Riesling 2023 (91WP) as well as our Neustadt "V" Riesling 2023 and rated it with an excellent 92WP.

"This is already stony on the nose. Stony, herbal, compact, deep. It really has a concentration that can be clearly smelled. Quite a noble fruit. At the same time, everything is cool and fine, although it also has a minimal buttery note or nut butter, but only very delicately. That doesn't make it softening or clumsy at all. It's a bit smoky. Yes, and it's slightly reminiscent of green curry. It gives you an appetite again. And you can't say it often enough, when dishes start to pass your inner eye, that's always a good sign! And this is the deepest, most complex and noblest nose today.

It continues like this on the palate. This is the juiciest wine so far. It has perhaps the most fruit, without being really fruity. It also has a certain herbal spiciness, also this nutty, certain barrel spiciness. Not so much yeast at all. Very fine, really very fine marbling acidity. Density, persistence, a certain power without any heaviness. A mineral, chalky, chalky, stony foundation at the back. Minerality is already in the notes, but it's not yet clear how pronounced it is. Then there are notes of green pepper - we were already at the green curry anyway. It's quite complex and almost completely dry. But it has a really classy juiciness and great tension. A little bit of a very fine, tart zesty aroma. I think aromatic bitters in wine are excellent, but only if they are aromatic bitters. There are also unpleasant, gallic, broken, nutty bitters. We don't need that! But such a fine, aromatic bitter: excellent.

We're not quite talking about a great growth yet, but it's impressive! Many great growths don't even come close to it. This combines all the good things that the previous vintages had: 2021 had tension, but sometimes not the body and not the density and depth. There were exceptions, but... And 2022 had the body and the warmth and the juiciness, but often not quite the depth and above all not the tension! This (Neustadt "V" Riesling) has both, plus the depth. It's at 92 points and I'm wondering if it's not 93 after all. (...) I'll just have another look at it. But it fluctuates between 92 and 93, and it's definitely a terrific wine for a Erste Lage. So really really top!"

Marcus Hofschuster pulls the blind tasting sleeve off the bottle.

"Ah, wait a minute, that's not a Erste Lage at all, that's Neustadt "V". The "V" stands for a potentially great site, namely Vogelsang. It's right next to the forest, partly in the forest. A very cool, relatively high site, I think 200+Xm high and really has its very own soil... But it really is also the strongest wine in this round. And by some distance. Yes, not only will I have it again tomorrow, but I'll drink it too. And it's also a favorite wine!"