
...NEVER HAD A BETTER VINTAGE THAN 2023
James Suckling's Weekly Report (25th of July 2024)

Stuart Pigott (JamesSuckling.com) has released his tasting notes for this year! Once again record-breaking top ratings for our collection! 91-100 points (average rating: 95.6)!

"Stuart is convinced that Müller-Catoir in Neustadt never had a better vintage than 2023. Winemaker Martin Franzen explained that in spite of the stunning results, it was an easy vintage to screw up. "You had to very precisely remove any botrytis from the grapes for the dry wines, and the botrytis developed very fast, so you really had to watch picking dates, too."

The Müller-Catoir Riesling Pfalz Bürgergarten im Breumel GG 2023 is one of the dry riesling stars of the vintage, with an incredible filigree and delicacy as well as a cornucopia of stone and citrus fruit aromas. Not only is this wine a steal, the whole range from this producer offers exceptional value for money. That begins with a couple of entry-level wines that are absurdly good, most notably the Müller-Catoir Weissburgunder Pfalz MC Trocken 2023, a dry pinot blanc that's brimming with ripe pear and mini banana aromas with a wonderful creaminess and delicate freshness on the medium-bodied palate.

However, the highest-rated bottle from this producer is a nobly sweet wine of the kind they were famous for the first time Stuart visited them in 1986, a TBA made from the rare rieslaner grape. The perfect Müller-Catoir Rieslaner Pfalz Herzog Trockenbeerenauslese EL 2023 has a gigantic nose of dried mangoes and porcini mushrooms, but it is the combination of off-the-scale concentration and supernaturally vibrant acidity that makes this every bit as great as the legendary 1990 Rieslaner TBA from Müller-Catoir."

