
RONN WIEGAND | GERMANY | VINTAGE 2018

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Herzog Rieslaner Trockenbeerenauslese | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage noble sweet

5/5 stars | "Terrific! The 2018 Rieslaner TBA is an extraordinary wine: ultra-rich and light bodied, it is luscious and yet very crisp and long on the palate, with a kaleidoscope of flavors (peach, orange marmelade, rose petal, honey, candied lemon, sage), and a very persistent finish. The best-ever Rieslaner we have tasted. Can be aged for decades. Organic. [2035-2065]"

Bürgergarten "Im Breumel" GG | 2018 Riesling VDP.Grosse Lage dry

5/5 stars | "Exceptional GG: fleshy in texture, concentrated, and full bodied, this is refined in flavor (pear, guava, white peach, lime, pineapple), very well balanced, and full and long on the finish. Wonderful quality; warrants 5+ more years of aging. Organic. [2024-2028]"

Herzog Weissburgunder | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage dry

5/5 stars | "One of four excellent 2018 varietal wines, all of them great values! The Herzog Pinot Blanc is superb: fleshy, full bodied, and concentrated, with fine, complex flavor (baked pear, hazelnut, white peach, oak), excellent balance, and a very long and lightly toasty finish. First rate; warrants aging. Great value. Organic."

Mandelring Scheurebe | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage dry

5/5 stars | "One of four excellent 2018 varietal wines, all of them great values! The Mandelring Scheurebe is also outstanding: intense and refined in flavor (pear, peach, honeysuckle, lime, clove), it is supple, full bodied, and well balanced, with a smooth, lingering finish. First rate; great value; needs 2+ more years of aging. Organic. [2022-2025]"

Haardt Riesling | 2018 VDP.Ortswein dry

5/5 stars | "Delicious dry Haart Riesling: round, crisp, and medium full bodied, it has elegant character (yellow plum, peach, pear, passionfruit), fine balance, and a medium long finish. Great value; can be aged further. Unwooded. Organic. [2021-2024]"

Haardt Weissburgunder | 2018 VDP.Ortswein dry

5/5 stars | "An elegant Pinot Blanc of outstanding quality. It is supple in texture, yet crisp, and full bodied, with fine balance, and a medium long finish tasting of pear, white peach, lemon, and cherimoya. Great value; can be aged a bit. Unwooded. Organic. [2021-2024]"

Herzog Rieslaner Beerenauslese | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage noble sweet

4+/5 stars | "Terrific! The BA is very fine: supple, richly flavored (baked pear, peach, pineapple, honey, honeysuckle, rose petal), well balanced, and very long on the finish. Warrants at least 5 more years of aging. Organic. [2026-2040]"

Bürgergarten Riesling | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage dry

4+/5 stars | "Full bodied and fairly rich in flavor (white peach, passionfruit, lime, apple), this is a well balanced, elegant Riesling, with a very long finish. Still quite young; warrants 5+ more years of aging. Great value! Unwooded. Organic. [2024-2028]"

Herrenletten Weissburgunder | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage dry

4+/5 stars | "One of four excellent 2018 varietal wines, all of them great values! 2018 was also a top vintage for Pinot Blanc

(Weissburgunder), as this Herrenletten reflects. It is a fairly rich wine with excellent flavor (apple, pear, lemon, passion fruit, roasted nut), full body, fine balance, and a lingering finish. Warrants aging. Vineyards from 21 to 41 years old. Organic."

Bürgergarten Riesling Spätlese | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage fruity

4+/5 stars | "An exceptional Spätlese, this 2018 Bürgergarten is round, light medium bodied, and fairly rich; a wine with refined character (pear, white peach, pineapple, lime, honeydew melon), good balance, and a very long, lingering finish. Delicious; warrants further aging. Aged in stainless steel. Organic. [2021-2023]"

Haardt Muskateller | 2018 VDP.Ortswein dry

4+/5 stars | "One of four excellent 2018 varietal wines, all of them great values! The Muskateller is very aromatic and intensely flavored (jasmine, lime, rose petal, clove, dried fig, green leaf, tobacco), well balanced, and very persistent on the finish. Warrants modest aging, but is delicious even now. Organic. [2021-2023]"

Herzog Rieslaner Auslese | 2018 VDP.Erste Lage noble sweet

4/5 stars | "A ripe, aromatic Rieslaner of fine quality. It has floral, fruity, spicy character (rose petal, white pepper, lime, honey, peach, sage), medium body, and a medium long finish. Still young; will develop with further aging. Organic. [2024-2030]"

