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2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Pinot Gris Hinterburg de Katzenthal Vendanges Tardives
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Good bright straw color, a bit deeper than the regular Hinterburg. Aromas of pineapple, curry powder and ginger, with earth and mineral notes and a smoky, toasty element that does not come from oak (the wine was made entirely in stainless steel). Sweet and spicy in the mouth, with enticing sugar/acid snap cutting the wine's glyceric texture and giving the youthful fruit and spice flavors a penetrating character. Firmly built, very young wine that will need a couple years of bottle aging to reveal its personality. Picked later than the regular Hinterburg but with no more botrytis.

2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Pinot Gris Reserve
88

Out of stock.

Good bright straw color. Bright, expressive aromas of flowers, spices, vanilla and flint. Dense and peachy, with just a hint of sweetness to the intense flavors of stone fruits, orange, smoke, spices and butter. Slightly phenolic and dry-edged on the back end, and still youthfully tight. There was very little botrytis here, noted Meyer, who aged half of this wine in a new foudre

2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Riesling Kaefferkopf
92

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(\$41) Pure but closed nose hints at orange, medicinal herbs, ginger and curry powder. Rich and broad in the mouth, with an almost exotic quality to the flavors of ripe peach and mandarin orange. Really spreads out and stains the palate on the fruity, stony, very long finish, where it leaves behind a trace of sweetness and really vibrates. Like the Wineck-Schlossberg, this lovely grand cru riesling is carrying seven grams of residual sugar. At this point in our tasting, Meyer expressed the opinion that the 2001 vintage produced a more powerful style of wine than did 2007.

2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Riesling Pfoeller
87

Out of stock.

(\$38) Pale yellow. Expressive citrus, spice, herb and pepper aromas, with a note of smoky, flinty reduction. Juicy but slightly bitter-edged fruit is currently dominated by strong citrussy acidity, giving this recently bottled wine (all of Meyer's wines were bottled about three weeks before my visit) an extremely dry, strict quality. Almost brutal today. This fruit appears to have been harvested quite early.

2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Riesling Pfoeller Vendange Tardive
89

Out of stock.

(from fruit picked on October 23, two weeks after the regular Pfoeller) Bright yellow. Fruity but reticent aromas of tangy peach, nectarine, curry powder and pepper; there's something gruner veltliner-like about this. Then quite sweet but penetrating, with firm acids cutting the wine's mid-palate creaminess. Finishes spicy and slightly edgy. Very primary today, but not showing the complexity or distinction for an outstanding rating.

2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Riesling Schoenenbourg
90

Out of stock.

(\$40; from very clean grapes harvested on October 10, according to Meyer) Pale straw color. Very pure aromas of lemon, curry powder, flowers, spices and fresh herbs, with a whiff of reduction. Lemony and brisk but more intensely flavored than the Pfoeller, with more personality to its flavors of underripe pineapple, ginger and flowers. A saline element contributes to the dusty quality of the long, stony finish. The vines here are only about 15 years old but yield tiny grapes due to a high proportion of millerandage

2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Riesling Vignoble de Katzenthal
88

Out of stock.

Good pale yellow. Pure, subdued aromas of pineapple, stone and ginger; more complex than the Riesling Reserve. Then richer and sweeter in the mouth (actually just five grams of r.s.), with ripe peach and white nectarine flavors enlivened by penetrating but harmonious acids. Finishes juicy, dense and pristine, with lingering stone fruit flavors. Meyer told me this was a bit riper than he would have liked, but there's balance and spine here due to the wine's firm acidity.

2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Riesling Wineck-Schlossberg
91

Out of stock.

(\$40; this very sunny site was harvested at 13.8% potential alcohol on September 17 with very ripe skins but good acidity, according to Meyer) Good pale color. Peppery aromatic herbs, raw pineapple, anise and flowers on the perfumed nose. Rich, dense and thick but vibrant, with soft citrus and elderberry flavors lifted by some unabsorbed CO₂. Really resounds with minerality, mandarin orange and pepper on the back end. Still youthfully unevolved but sappy on the finish. Today this is the most floral of Meyer's trio of riesling grand crus, finishing with a lime tea note that reminded me of muscat Ottonel. Meyer volunteered that he would love to be able to make this style of wine every year.

2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Sylvaner "F" Vieilles Vignes
87

Out of stock.

(from Furstentum) Bright straw color. Complex aromas of flowers, herbs, lemon and hazelnut. Quite dry, almost austere, with a penetrating quality to the flavors of white fruits, lemon, lime, flowers, spices and licorice. Finishes dry and a bit edgy, with a riesling-like peppery quality that remains this side of vegetal.

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