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Riesling Pfoeller 2020 **93/100**

13 Jul, 2022 – At first this is pungently flinty, but with a little aeration it calms down to a level that's an exciting foil to the juicy yellow-peach fruit and elegant acidity, together creating wonderful harmony on the medium-bodied palate. Feels much lighter than it really is (13.5%). Drink or hold.

Riesling Réserve 2020 **90/100**

13 Jul, 2022 – What an attractive dry Alsace riesling this is, thanks to the abundant citrus, white-peach and sliced-pear fruit. At once juicy, crisp and elegant on the palate, this is a no-brainer. Long, clean finish with a tantalizing trickle of chalky character. Use as you would Sancerre. Drink now.

Gewurztraminer Réserve 2020 **91/100**

30 Jun, 2022 – This juicy, medium-bodied gewurz may be frankly off-dry, but it is so lively and brimming with yellow-rose aromas. Very clean finish with almost none of the bitterness this grape tends to show. Drink now.

Pinot Noir Réserve 2020 **90/100**

13 Jul, 2022 – A spicy and meaty pinot noir with impressive depth and fine tannins for an entry-level wine. Delicate red-fruit aromas are wound around the healthy structure to create a very satisfying whole. Long, rather spicy finish. Drink or hold.

Pinot Noir Altenbourg 2020 **94/100**

13 Jul, 2022 – At once rich (ripe blackberry and sour cherry), earthy and refined, this is a very impressive Alsace pinot noir that could easily be mistaken for a 1er Cru Beaune! Excellent concentration, stacks of fine tannins and a delicate hint of “sweetness” are beautifully interwoven on the medium-bodied palate. Very elegant finish. Drink or hold.

Pinot Gris Dorfburg 2019 **91/100**

30 Jun, 2022 – A rather cool and delicate nose for an Alsace pinot gris with floral-honey and fresh-herb notes. Much richer on the palate than expected, but this is properly dry and the acidity is almost crisp at the finish, where any trace of opulence vanishes and delicacy returns. Drink or hold.

Pinot Gris Réserve 2020 **90/100**

30 Jun, 2022 – Plenty of orange-blossom, sliced-pear and a touch of honeysuckle aromas neatly fill out the medium-bodied palate, where a little touch of fine tannin really helps to keep this straight and clean. Long and harmonious, though not terribly complex, finish. Drink now.

Pinot Noir Gallus 2020 **92/100**

13 Jul, 2022 – Spicy and smoky, with candied-orange and dried-cherry fruit, this is sleek and focused in spite of the generous ripeness. Serious concentration and compact fine

tannins at the bold finish. Not yet at its best, but already impressive. Drinkable now, but best from 2024.

Riesling Vignoble de Katzenthal 2020 **91/100**

13 Jul, 2022 – The effusive citrus and citrus-blossom aromas pull you into this juicy and generous dry riesling. Very good concentration and structure, the chalky minerality driving the bold, pithy finish. Drink or hold.

Riesling Grand Cru Schoenenbourg 2020 **95/100**

13 Jul, 2022 – Still very youthful, with a hint of yeastiness in the nose, but also complex crisp-pear, candied-angelica and dried-sage aromas. Although this has some bright fruit on the bold and weighty palate, the serious concentration and structure dominate at the present. Though this work in progress needs more time, at the very long, cool finish there's stunning balance and precision. Drink or hold.

Riesling Grand Cru Kaefferkopf 2019 **94/100**

13 Jul, 2022 – Smoky and spicy, this is a very striking dry Alsace riesling that manages to combine earthy power with brightness and a certain lightness of touch that's a winning combination. Very long, texturally complex finish with plenty of chalky and earthy depth. Drink or hold.

Gewurztraminer Grand Cru Furstentum 2019 **93/100**

30 Jun, 2022 – A powerful and structured gewurz that easily carries its load of exotic-fruit aromas (mostly papaya and pineapple). Generous body, plus a slug of natural grape sweetness. Long finish with a ton of Turkish delight, but also candied ginger and dried rosemary. Drink or hold.

Gewurztraminer Sporen Vieilles Vignes 2018 **93/100**

30 Jun, 2022 – A bold, dark and spicy gewurz with tons of candied ginger and lychee. Big and ripe on the palate, but with restrained sweetness. Plenty of structure and a long, refined finish. Drink or hold.

Riesling Grand Cru Wineck-Schlossberg 2020 **95/100**

13 Jul, 2022 – From the stunning, peachy nose through the succulent and extremely elegant, medium-bodied palate and the very long, silky and mineral finish, this offers very convincing proof of the greatness of this little-known Alsace Grand Cru site. Spot-on balance! Drink or hold.

Pinot Gris Grand Cru Kaefferkof 2020 **93/100**

30 Jun, 2022 – This dry pinot gris is a full straw color, but smells very fresh and bright with a slew of summer-meadow and ripe-melon character, plus more restrained notes of cooked pear and honeycomb. Rich and suave, with a dangerously silky texture that makes this one hard to resist. Very elegant, long finish with a lovely balance of delicate mineral freshness and floral honey. Drink or hold.

Gewurztraminer Grand Cru Wineck-Schlossberg 2019 **92/100**

30 Jun, 2022 – Tons of Turkish delight and plenty of fully ripe papaya make this a very succulent gewurz. No feeling of thickness or heaviness, rather remaining light on its feet, thanks to the lively acidity. Marzipan character builds at the long, creamy yet clean finish. Drink or hold.

Pinot Gris Hinterburg de Katzenthal 2019**90/100**

30 Jun, 2022 – An old-fashioned, frankly sweet and pretty opulent pinot gris with plenty of toasty and honeyed character. The acidity is lively enough to keep all of this in a straight line at the clean finish. Drink now.

Riesling Grand Cru Mandelberg Vieilles Vignes 2020**94/100**

13 Jul, 2022 – Beautiful bouquet of fresh peach and apple blossom! Starts so gently on the palate, but the structure and stature grow steadily as it glides off into the distance. Hard to believe that this beautifully balanced wine, which is so subtle and delicate, has 14% alcohol. Long finish that's simultaneously creamy and chalky. Drink or hold.

Gewurztraminer Grand Cru Kaefferkopf Vendange Tardive 2018**94/100**

30 Jun, 2022 – Very rich and exotic (papaya!) with wonderful succulence. This is a full-throttle gewurz that actually benefits from having some bitterness, which really gives the palate an extra blast of energy. Very long and toasty finish with enough freshness to pull you back for more. Drink or hold.

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