

The Lost World of Riesling: Nahe



2015 FELSENBERG Riesling TBA 98 points

It's not the enormous concentration of this wine that makes it stand out, rather it's the diamond-like brilliance. Which fresh pineapple tastes as good as this wine? I never tasted one! There's also a wonderful salty minerality at the very long finish. Drink or hold as long as you can to attain the complexity that bottle age will reveal.

2015 FELSENBERG Riesling Auslese 97 points

Here the dark side and the bright side of the force meet on equal terms and the result is a laser sword duel that's wildly exciting! An extremely long and inspiring finish that leaves a lot of the competition behind it. Drink or hold.

2016 FELSENBERG RIESLING trocken 95 Points

In spite of the intense grapefruit and smoke character this is a remarkably succulent dry riesling with such beautiful balance that you don't think for a moment about alcohol, acidity or the other building blocks of the wines. Then comes the extremely refined and lingering finish. Drink or hold.

2015 FELSENBERG Riesling trocken 94 points

Great pineapple, grapefruit and smoky aromas. Concentrated, sleek and quite austere this is a dramatic expression of this great site that should stun anyone not familiar with high-end Nahe dry riesling. Drink or hold.

2016 FELSENBERG Riesling Spätlese 95 points

A super-elegant riesling Spätlese with enormous wild berry aromas and more minerals than sweetness. Super-clean finish that is laser beam straight and pure. Drink or hold.

2015 FELSENBERG Riesling Spätlese 92 points

Lots of ginger, candied grapefruit and smoke make this a really exciting Spätlese. There's plenty of depth at the front, but the finish lacks some of the vitality that makes this producer's best wines irresistible. Drink or hold.

2016 MARBACH Riesling Spätlese 96 points

A literally breathtaking wine that moves with warp speed across your palate in search of unexplored regions in space. Super-succulent, but also absolutely pure and clean. Dazzling finish! Drink or hold as long as you can resist this beauty.

2016 MARBACH Riesling trocken 95 points

The stone fruits, smoky minerality and very elegant acidity of this wine just don't want to stop. Breathtakingly mineral finish. So impressive now, but has decades of potential.

2015 MARBACH Riesling trocken 94 points

This has such a beautiful peachy fruit you just want to drop everything and savor the one you love! In spite of all the ripeness and power this is a delightful dry white that almost anyone could enjoy. Near-perfect balance at the long elegant finish. Drink or hold.

2015 MARBACH Riesling Auslese 95 points

Great exotic fruit aromas and a stunning richness, but only moderate sweetness make this a great wine for foie gras and Roquefort. Then comes the imposingly mineral finish that makes me catch my breath. Drink or hold.

2015 MARBACH Riesling Spätlese 95 points

Sweet floral aromas and a very ripe palate make this a stunning Spätlese that is delicious now, but has enormous ageing potential. Such a pure and bright finish that it tastes so much drier there than the luscious first impression.

2015 DOMBERG Riesling Spätlese 95 points

Packed with peach and apricot this is not only super-succulent, but strikingly original thanks to the cool mineral core and the herbal freshness that drive the very long and seriously complex finish. Drink or hold.

2015 DOMBERG Riesling trocken 94 Points

This smells like a perfectly ripe durian and there's a corresponding juiciness on the palate. The forceful, but ripe acidity at the finish might be too much for some, but I find this seriously exciting. Great mineral character that speaks of the shallow stony soil in this excellent site in Sobernheim. Drink or hold.

2016 DOMBERG Riesling trocken 93 points

The intense herbal and smoky nose marks this out as a very serious dry riesling that's got a ton of terroir character. Thankfully there's also plenty of fruit. Lovely freshness at the long crystalline finish. Drink or hold

2016 DOMBERG Riesling Spätlese 93 points

Cool, succulent and herbal this is a lovely Spätlese that has great balance and a very clean long finish that draws you back to the glass for more. Analytically this is medium-sweet, but there's nothing medium about the wine at all! Drink or hold.

2016 SCHLOSSBÖCKELHEIM Riesling Vulkanstein 93 points

There's a ton of wild berry and herb aromas in this radically original dry riesling, but there's also enormous energy. Salty minerality at the powerful very dry finish. Drink or hold. From the famous Felsenberg site of Schlossböckelheim.

2016 SOBERNHEIM Riesling Roter Tonschiefer 93 points

Packed with fruit and herbal aromas this is a bold and juicy wine with just a hint of smoke. The citrusy acidity is beautifully integrated. The long finish is dramatic and expressive. Drink or hold.

2015 SCHLOSSBÖCKELHEIM Riesling Vulkanstein 92 points

Quite an austere dry riesling, but with a lot of citric power. Salty minerality at the imposing finish! This one takes no prisoners, but is the real McCoy! Drink or hold.

2015 SOBERNHEIM Riesling Roter Tonschiefer 92 points

Not for the faint of heart! A little bit wild, but also stunning freshness for 2015, brimming with herbal aromas. The whiplash finish makes this a very exciting wine. Drink or hold.

2016 SCHLOSSBÖCKELHEIM Riesling Kabinett 92 points

Not only does this have the intense smoky note typical for Schlossböckelheim, but it's also brimming with fruit and has a crisp finish that cleans all the grape sweetness up to reveal the mineral depths.

2016 Riesling trocken 91 points

Smoky and juicy with plenty of citrus and tart pineapple freshness. Still quite leesy but also a lot of energy with a super-crisp mineral finish. Drink or hold for a year or two. Screw cap.

2016 SOBERNHEIM Riesling Kabinett 90 points

Super-juicy, but also bright and crisp this is a delicious Kabinett that's screaming for prawns and chili! Drink now. Screw cap.