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# THE RUMORS ARE TRUE: THE RHEINGAU IS BACK

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The steep vineyards of Lorch at the spectacular northern tip of the Rheingau. Photo Credit: Eva Fricke

After scoring more than 50 Rheingau GGs from Germany's 2015 vintage last fall, I suspected that winemakers were on to something to special. "This new vintage suggests that winemakers have seriously rethought and revamped grape growing and winemaking in the region," I wrote. Well, last month I returned to the Rheingau to score nearly 400 wines from the 2015 and 2016 vintages and, indeed, the rumors are true. The Rheingau is finally back! But first, let's revisit that brief history on where the Rheingau has been all these years.

By far the most famous wine region on the river Rhine is the Rheingau. Its steepest slopes are rather stony, with slate type soils that retain little water, but most of the vineyards have relatively deep loamy soils that are fertile and water-retentive. This makes the wines bolder and broader than those of the Mosel. Its slopes have long been dominated by aristocratic estates, some of them complete with castles like that of Schloss Johannisberg and Schloss Vollards. And for two centuries from the 1776 vintage through to that of 1976, Rheingau wines were known for world premiere high-end riesling.

But for the last four decades or so, the Rheingau has been in a slump, resting on its laurels and struggling to live up to its own glorious traditions. Many of the wines, including some from the most famous producers, were seriously disappointing and reflected the complacency of their owners. Often its dry Rieslings were too tart and lacked a satisfactory harmony. And just as the Rheingau was slipping, its neighbors—Austria, Pfalz, Mosel, Rheinhessen, Alsace—were upping their game. For domestic consumers, it became a no-brainer to look elsewhere for good bottles at friendly prices (particularly from the Rheinhessen, which we will explore in another report).

But history is history, and both 2015 and 2016 vintages are on it (2016 is a real challenger for the slightly richer and more structured 2015 vintage). The highest-



Riesling grapes of the ripe and clean (i.e. zero Botrytis) kind that are used to make the top dry Rheingau wines. Photo Credit: Eva Fricke

rated wine in this report—the 2015 Jungfer Auslese “Gold Cap” from the small Prinz estate in Hallgarten—scored a perfect 100 and is nobly sweet. All nine of the nobly sweet 2016 Rieslings from the large Robert Weil estate in Kiedrich scored 95 plus, wines that combine staggering concentration with breathtaking finesse. A great many dry Rheingau Rieslings (look for “trocken” or “GG” on the label) also rated 90 plus with a handful scoring as high as the top sweet wines.

In fact, dry Riesling is the field in which the region most frequently shines. They are usually about one degree lower in alcohol (12% to 13% is the range) than comparable quality Alsace or Wachau Rieslings and correspondingly higher in acidity. That makes them taste crisper and more delicate than dry rieslings from further south in Europe. We find their combination of substance, freshness and peachy aroma very enticing and food friendly. At their best they have a pronounced mineral component and stunning balance. It’s worth noting too that though the Rheingau is not the biggest Riesling producing wine region in Germany, nearly 80 percent of its vineyards are dedicated solely to riesling (a rarity since most of Germany focuses on multiple varietals).

It is a little-known fact that the second most important grape variety in the Rheingau is spätburgunder (pinot noir) with nearly 11 percent of the total vineyard area, or 390 hectares. Many in our tastings scored 90-plus points, with the 2012 Hendelberg "Reserve" from Prinz being the highest rated among them (97 points). It was a pinot with the complexity and refined power of a grand cru Burgundy—a comparison that is true too with the best wines of Chat Sauvage, August Kessler, Künstler and Schön.

The fact that the winery Fred Prinz founded in 1991 produced the highest rated sweet and red wines of our report says a great deal about the recent development of the Rheingau. His cellars sit under an average suburban house in the small town of Hallgarten. There are no castles, no moats, behind this honest winemaker producing world-class wine.

Prinz, at first glance, appears to be the exact opposite of world-famous Schloss Johannisberg, the region's most famous winery that's housed in a Baroque palace next door to a medieval church. However, looks can be deceptive. Schloss Johannisberg is owned by the Oekter family, industrialists famous for their frozen pizzas and pudding powder. From 2005 a young man called Christian Witte who grew up in vineless Hofheim close to Frankfurt (he recently moved on to another position) brought it back from the doldrums to the pinnacle of the region. Even the simplest wines from this estate, the dry and medium-dry versions of the 2016 "Gelblack" Rieslings both rated 92 points and the estate's 2015 Trockenbeerenauslese cruised to 99 points.

Schloss Johannisberg isn't the only famous estate in the region that's found its form again. We were also impressed by the new wines from Prinz von Hessen, also based in Johannisberg and Langwerth von Simmern in Eltville. The great consistency of high quality at large producers like Leitz in Rudesheim and Künstler in Hochheim show what's possible even with many dozens of hectares of vineyards to tend.

As for whether 2016 really is a match for the structured 2015 vintage, that's to be determined. Look forward to a report on the 2016 GGs and other top dry Rieslings. Then, and only then, will we know. —By Stuart Pigott, Contributing Editor

*Editor's Note: Sadly, Schloss Reinhartshausen, Schloss Schönborn and Schloss Vollrads didn't submit samples, but we will buy samples of the most important wines from these three estates and add to this report later. Also, this report includes only a handful of GGs (those that were already bottled and presented during visits). Notes for the other GGs – dozens more wines! – will follow August 23rd after the official presentation where we will taste them all.*

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>100</b>   |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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A perfect Rheingau auslese that's got a truly breathtaking elegance in spite of the enormous concentration. A gigantic tropical fruits coulis with a gigantic acidity that gives it an almost supernatural brilliance. Drink through 2065.

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## BEERENAUSLESE GOLD CAP 2016

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>99</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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A dream of a BA with enormous freshness and vitality and a fireworks display of dried yellow fruit aromas of so many kinds. Near-perfect balance at the super-long filigree finish. Hope to live as long as this masterpiece will and drink whenever you can put your hands on it!

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## ROBERT WEIL RIESLING RHEINGAU KIEDRICH GRÄFENBERG

TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE 2016

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Not the biggest TBA there ever was, but certainly one of the purest produced in the Rheingau during the last decade. Stunning interplay of dried exotic fruits, enormous richness and vibrant acidity. If you want to experience all the glory, then you'll have to wait a decade, but this is a wine with a century for it.

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TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE 2015

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>99</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Enveloping dried mango, papaya and honey aroma. Enormously lush and dense, but with a stunning drive and brilliance at the super-long finish. In the tradition of the legendary 1971 and 1949 from this producer and it should age similarly well. Drink any time through 2100.

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BEERENAUSLESE 2016

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |              |

**Vintage****2016****98****CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE****DOWNLOAD SHEFTALKER**

Very lush and exotic. This lives from the almost erotic interplay of enormous ripeness, creamy richness and the fresh acidity that makes this massive wine so bright and enticing. This could live a century!

[Enlarge Tasting Note](#)**KÜNSTLER RIESLING RHEINGAU KIRCHENSTÜCK GG 2016** **Country****Germany****Score****Region****Rheingau****98****Vintage****2016****CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE****DOWNLOAD SHEFTALKER**

Stand back and hold on to your hat! This wine already has a great Yamanashi white peach and shiso leaf nose, but that doesn't prepare you for the electric interplay of fruit and mineral acidity on the palate. All this excitement is packed into sleek silhouette, and just when you think you've got a handle on it the finish comes back to haunt you. Best through 2050.

[Enlarge Tasting Note](#)**WEGELER RIESLING RHEINGAU ROTHENBERG** **TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE 2015****Country****Germany****Score****Region****Rheingau****98****Vintage****2015****CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE****DOWNLOAD SHEFTALKER**

This is like a liquid crème brûlée with masses of dried fruit and floral honey character. Very silky and polished at the super-intense at the long finish. Drink through 2050.

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>97</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2012</b>     |              |

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A great pinot noir that's just coming into its best. Rich and concentrated with super-elegant tannins and a very long super-silky finish that makes you think of grand cru Burgundy from a cool vintage. Drink through 2035.

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>97</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Anything but dramatic. This wine grows on you slowly until, step by step, it has taken over your soul. Enormous depth and polish make this a wine that after a couple of years in the bottle ought to be a match for almost any dry white on the planet. Drink through 2050.

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>97</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |



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Smells like dripping leaves and flowers after a tropical storm. Great dried fruit flavors and a brilliant acidity that lights them up. Stunning concentration and a very long, electric finish where the sweetness is barely perceptible. A great auslese that can age for decades!

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ROBERT WEIL RIESLING RHEINGAU KIEDRICH TURMBERG ^  
 BEERENAUSLESE 2016

**Country**            **Germany**  
**Region**            **Rheingau**  
**Vintage**           **2016**

**Score**  
**97**



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The passion fruit and star fruit aromas pour from the glass of this stunning BA, and there's an almost electric interplay of floral honey character and mineral acidity on the palate. Then the super-clean finish pulls you back to the glass for more. Drink through 2065.

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ROBERT WEIL RIESLING RHEINGAU KIEDRICH TURMBERG ^  
 TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE 2016

**Country**            **Germany**  
**Region**            **Rheingau**  
**Vintage**           **2016**

**Score**  
**97**

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Another stunningly lush and concentrated nobly sweet Riesling from Robert Weil with a lot of candied pineapple and grapefruit character. Still very young and this will gain in harmony if you can wait until 2025, at which point it will just be beginning its long life.

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## SCHLOSS JOHANNISBERG RIESLING RHEINGAU ROSALACK AUSLESE 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>97</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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One of the star ausleses of 2016 because of the vibrancy of the exotic and candied citrus aromas that pour from the glass. There's a great balance of acidity and delicately honeyed sweetness. Seduce somebody any time through 2050.

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## WEGELER RIESLING RHEINGAU ROTHENBERG TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>97</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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This is a massive, very sweet TBA with all the richness and power you expect from this category. The dynamic acidity drives the very long finish like a formula one sports car, but the wine still several years off optimum drinking age. Try to be patient through at least 2023 because then this will be packed with honey and dried fruits character. Great potential!

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## VON OETINGER RIESLING RHEINGAU SIEGELSBERG

TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE 2015

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>97</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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A totally original TBA that's like nothing else in the region. This begins with the intense herbal and exotic fruit aromas and continuous with the powerful palate that's somehow manages to have crystalline clarity and a very strong, uplifting finish. Drink through 2050.

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TROCKEN 2015

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>97</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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With its floral honey and cooked quince character, enormous depth and power, this is very different from Becker's other dry Rieslings from 2015. However, the finish is so clean and cool that there's no doubt this wine will develop magnificently. One of the very best dry German rieslings of this great vintage! Better from 2019 through 2050.

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2016

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**Region**                    **Rheingau**  
**Vintage**                    **2016**

**96**

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Tangerine dream but also all kinds of berries and some wild herbs make this an irresistible wine. Then comes the stunning balance of aromatic sweetness and vibrant acidity with a finish that's like a waterfall cascading over rocks in the tropics. Should continue to impress through through 2050.

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## KÜNSTLER SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU HÖLLENBERG GG 2015 <sup>^</sup>

**Country**                    **Germany**  
**Region**                    **Rheingau**  
**Vintage**                    **2015**

**Score****96**

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What a bouquet! Breathe in deeply to take in the red flowers, raspberry liqueur, strawberry and cassis notes. A super-elegant pinot with super-fine tannins that only show their power right at the breathtaking finish. Totally different to Burgundy and totally brilliant! Drink any time through 2040.

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## ROBERT WEIL RIESLING RHEINGAU KIEDRICH GRÄFENBERG AUSLESE <sup>^</sup> GOLD CAP 2016

**Country**                    **Germany**  
**Region**                    **Rheingau**  
**Vintage**                    **2016**

**Score****96**

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A giant of an Auslese with tons of honey, spice and dried fruits character. Sure you can drink it now, but the balance at the massive finish will improve with a

few years of bottle age. Only available through the VDP Rheingau auction in February 2018, then the secondary market. Best from 2020 through 2065.

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## ROBERT WEIL RIESLING RHEINGAU KIEDRICH GRÄFENBERG EISWEIN <sup>^</sup> 2016

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>96</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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The intense brulée character makes this stand out from the other nobly sweet 2016s from Robert Weil. Massive power and vivid acidity make this pack a serious punch at the long finish. An ideal sweet wine for desserts with caramel and/or chocolate. Drink through 2045.

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## EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU KRONE 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>96</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Please be patient because this is a great wine that needs time in bottle to reveal its true riches. Very smoky, dried lemon peel and the wildest herbs on the planet. Very racy and long super-mineral finish. Best from 2018 through 2040.

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## CHAT SAUVAGE SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU RÜDESHEIMER DRACHENSTEIN 2013

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2013</b>     |              |

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Enormously concentrated and still extremely young. This should amaze anyone who doesn't believe that German pinots can match those of Burgundy. The nose is like a black berry coulis, and although the wine is rich, it's also properly dry, the stunning tannins giving it wine great power, but are already polished. Best from 2020 through 2045.

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## EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU SCHLOSSBERG AUSLESE 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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In spite of the rich dried fruit aromas, this is a sleek and subtle auslese, but the balance is nearly perfect. Lemon cream and minty freshness at the very long, clean finish. Best through 2040.

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## KÜNSTLER RIESLING RHEINGAU WEISS ERD GG 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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A giant out of nowhere! Almost nobody heard of this site, but this wine is of grand cru stature. Enormous ripeness, but also enormous freshness and salty minerality. Drink through 2035.

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## CHAT SAUVAGE SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU JOHANNISBERGER HÖLLË 2013

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2013</b>     |              |

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An amazing black forest berry nose sweeps you into a rich, concentrated and beautifully balanced wine that keeps pumping out the flavor through the very long finish. Drink through 2040.

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## ROBERT WEIL RIESLING RHEINGAU KIEDRICH GRÄFENBERG AUSLESE <sup>^</sup> 2016

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Really rich and creamy with a hint of creme brulée. This is a very seductive auslese that also has a lot of elegance and finesse. Hard to resist now, but the long silky and complex finish suggests this has another 50 years ahead of it.

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ROBERT WEIL RIESLING RHEINGAU KIEDRICH TURMBERG AUSLESE <sup>^</sup>

2016

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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This takes your breath away with its freshness, but there's also great floral honey and fresh pineapple character. The very long finish has a lot of drive and minerality and this is clearly a wine with at least 40 years of aging potential.

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>95</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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A rare botrytis auslese from the 2016 vintage, and it was worth all the effort to find a few nobly rotten grapes. Lots of floral honey and dried tropical fruits character, rich, succulent and elegant at the long finish.

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The smoky oak is still a bit dominant on the nose, but the stunning interplay of berry fruit and super-elegant tannins on the palate leaves no doubt that this belongs in the first league of pinot globally. Very long, complete finish that suggests this is only going to get better through 2040.

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## LEITZ RIESLING RHEINGAU RÜDESHEIMER BERG ROSENECK SPÄTLESE<sup>^</sup> 2015

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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A stunning spätlese with complex lemon, basil and mineral notes. The enormous freshness beautifully balancing the delicate grape sweetness.

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## JOHANNISHOF RIESLING RHEINGAU RÜDESHEIMER BERG ROTTLAND<sup>^</sup> SPÄTLESE 2015

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>95</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Sometimes you get lucky! This is a super-elegant and peachy dream riesling with a very long filigree finish. Did somebody say this was sweet? You hardly feel it at all. Drink through 2050.

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**KÜNSTLER RIESLING RHEINGAU BERG SCHLOSSBERG GG 2016**

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>95</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Very delicate and filigree with great purity of flavor and a salty minerality that balances the lemon and white peachy fruit beautifully. The stunningly long finish suggests this has a couple of decades ahead of it at least.

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>95</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Juicy, yet sleek and very elegant with generous, but delicate fruit character, then a very long whiplash finish that's packed with minerals. Drink through 2035.

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>95</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Spätlese isn't exactly a romantic wine category, but this is a super-elegant wine with very delicate peach and berry notes.

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>95</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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One of the most remarkable new dry wines from the Rheingau. Stunning super-mineral nose, enormous depth yet super-delicate and elegant. Racy and filigree finish.

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>95</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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With less than half the sweetness normal for this category, a classic example of this producers retro style that combines super-ripe fruit with super-clean acidity and is almost dry. Very mineral finish that doesn't want to stop.

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>95</b>    |

**Vintage**                      **2015**

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Still rather closed this, J.B. Becker masterpiece has a precisely judged off-dry balance that perfectly displays the complex herbal and earthy character of this top site, and enables the racy finish to shine like a perfectly cut diamond. You could drink it now, but best from 2018 through 2050.

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PRINZ RIESLING RHEINGAU FRÜHERNBERG TROCKEN 2016 ^

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b><br><b>95</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |                           |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |                           |

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This taste like a top GG and has a personality entirely of its own with complex wild herb and licorice notes, the fruit aromas discrete and delicate. In the mouth this is remarkably sleek and elegant for such a powerful dry riesling and the finish is super-mineral. Best from 2018 through 2030.

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J.B. BECKER RIESLING RHEINGAU WALLUFER WALKENBERG SPÄTLESE ^  
 ALTE REBEN TROCKEN 2015

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b><br><b>95</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |                           |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |                           |

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This special bottling from more than 60 year old vines has some floral and herbal notes that the regular Spätlese trocken lacks. The very long finish is even more mineral. A Rheingau Riesling masterpiece with decades of aging potential.

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## LANGWERTH VON SIMMERN RIESLING RHEINGAU HATTENHEIMER MANNBERG SPÄTLESE 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>94</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Packed with apricot fruit, ripe and rich, but not a jot overdone. This is a great Spätlese in the classic Rheingau style with a long very mineral finish. Drink through 2030.

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## PRINZ RIESLING RHEINGAU HENDELBERG TROCKEN 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>94</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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As bright as a lightning strike in the night, this is a remarkable dry Riesling for this category with a crystalline finish that reminds you what "mineral" and "slate" really mean! Drink through 2030.

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## KÜNSTLER SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU HOCHHEIM STEIN 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>94</b>    |

**Vintage**                      **2015**

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You could easily mistake this for a wine from a premier cru site on the Côtes de Beaune such is the concentration, tannic power and polish of this wine. Still a bit closed, so better from 2019 through 2035.

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**KÜNSTLER RIESLING RHEINGAU HOCHHEIMER DOMDECHANAY** <sup>^</sup>  
**TROCKEN 2016**

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b><br><b>94</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |                           |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |                           |

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Powerful, elegant and flint. This is a very striking wine that's still a bit closed, but it's got a dark core that's filled with mystery and will unfold beautifully over the next 20 years.

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**KÜNSTLER RIESLING RHEINGAU HOCHHEIMER HÖLLE SPÄTLESE 2016** <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b><br><b>94</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |                           |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |                           |

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Künstler is famous for dry wines, but this medium-sweet riesling is concentrated and beautifully balanced. Drink through 2050.

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## KÜNSTLER RIESLING RHEINGAU HOCHHEIMER STIELWEG ALTE REBEN<sup>^</sup> TROCKEN 2016

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>94</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Even if this doesn't come from a classified or famous site this has a peachy ripeness concentration and racy elegance that takes your breath away. The super-clean mineral finish doesn't want to let go. Drink through 2035.

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## PRINZ RIESLING RHEINGAU JUNGFER KABINETT 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>94</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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How can this taste so dry when it has (analytically) a conventional sweetness for a wine of this category? This wine breaks all the rules and in the best possible way, starting with the lemon balm, sage and mint aromas, followed by the very long super-fresh, succulent and mineral finish that is super-elegant. Drink through 2030.

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## ROBERT WEIL RIESLING RHEINGAU KIEDRICH GRÄFENBERG GG 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>94</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Still rather closed. This is the most powerful dry Riesling from Weil in 2016 and more than a match for the same wine fro 2015. Great balance of spice and exotic fruit character with textural complexity and a mineral acidity that carries the really long finish. Best from 2018 through 2035.

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2016

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>94</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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This is a rather lush and exotic wine with serious concentration for a spätlese and a very long powerful finish with a lot of delicate spicy nuances. Drink through 2045.

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>94</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2009</b>     |              |

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A rich and serious pinot for the Rheingau that can easily stand next to many premier crus from Burgundy. Warm and supple dry tannins and a long, elegant finish.

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## AUGUST KESSELER RIESLING RHEINGAU LORCHHÄUSER SELIGMACHER<sup>^</sup> ERSTE LAGE TROCKEN 2015

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>94</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Already the complex white peach, lemon and smoke nose marks this out as a wine of GG quality, but it's even more concentrated on the palate than the nose suggest with a super-mineral finish that doesn't want to let go. Drink through 2040.

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## ALTENKIRCH RIESLING RHEINGAU LORCHER BODENTAL-STEINBERG<sup>^</sup> ALTE REBEN TROCKEN 2015

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>94</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Shines like a diamond caught in a spotlight. Very mineral and finely nuanced with great freshness at the breathtakingly pure finish. One of the best dry rieslings of this vintage in the Rheingau. Will be good at least through 2030 if you can wait.

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## CHAT SAUVAGE SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU LORCHER<sup>^</sup> KAPELLENBERG 2012

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b> | <b>Score</b> |
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**Region** Rheingau  
**Vintage** 2012

**94**

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Wonderful forrest berry and spicy oak nose that's very enticing. Concentrated but delicate with elegant tannins and a surprisingly bright acidity at the long finish for this vintage. Drink through 2030.

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ALTENKIRCH RIESLING RHEINGAU LORCHER KAPELLENBERG SPÄTLESE<sup>^</sup>  
 2016

**Country** Germany  
**Region** Rheingau  
**Vintage** 2016

**Score**  
**94**

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Packed with mint, lemon balm and vanilla aromas, this is a concentrated and racy spätlese that's only just off-dry thanks to its great mineral freshness that makes you want more. Drink through 2035.

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LAQUAI RIESLING RHEINGAU LORCHER SCHLOSSBERG ERSTES  
 GEWÄCHS TROCKEN 2016 <sup>^</sup>

**Country** Germany  
**Region** Rheingau  
**Vintage** 2016

**Score**  
**94**

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This has a lovely white peach, lemon peel and lemon balm character. It also combines concentration, elegance and a long finish of crystalline purity and real

finesse. Drink through 2030.

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## QUERBACH RIESLING RHEINGAU OESTRICHER LENCHEN Q1 TROCKEN<sup>^</sup> 2015

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |

**Score**  
**94-95**

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Another very fresh and deep wine with peach and ripe lemon aromas. Behind the lovely fruit is a serious structure. This needs some time to resolve. The finish is long and finely-nuanced. A great wine in the making. Drink from 2019 through 2035.

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## ALTENKIRCH SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU PFAFFENWIES ERSTES GEWÄCHS 2013 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2013</b>     |

**Score**  
**94**

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Stunning concentration, freshness and finesse make this a match for many Vosne-Romanée 1er Crus. What a long complex herbal and earthy finish. Drink through 2040.

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## KÜNSTLER RIESLING RHEINGAU REICHESTAL KABINETT 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>94</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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A serious challenge to the dominance of the Mosel and Nahe in this category. Succulent and radical with a stunning interplay of fruit, acidity and minerality that continues through the very long finish. Drink through 2040.

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## KÜNSTLER RIESLING RHEINGAU BERG ROTTLAND GG 2016

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>94</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Maybe this isn't Künstler's best dry wine of the vintage, but because the whole vintage is so good here, this is a stunning wine that combines ripeness and silky elegance with considerable substance. Better from 2018 through 2035.

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## SCHÖN SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU RÜDESHEIMER BERG ROSENECK AUSLESE 2015

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>94</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Impressive ripeness, concentration and elegance make this a stunning pinot and the lack of oak aromas only makes the wine more charming. The finish is long

and polished. A beauty now and it will age for at least through 2030!

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## SCHLOSS JOHANNISBERG RIESLING RHEINGAU BRONZERLACK TROCKEN 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |

**Score**  
**94**

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This shines like a star with brilliant tart peach and fresh herbal and citrus notes. For a medium-bodied dry riesling, it's packed with minerals. The racy finish zooms ahead of the competition! Drink through 2025.

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## AUGUST KESSELER SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU CUVÉE MAX 2014 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2014</b>     |

**Score**  
**94**

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The fragrant nose of cassis and violets is very typical for Assmannshausen. However, this has a concentration and imposing but well-integrated dry tannins that the wines from this commune never had a generation ago. The long finish has a stunning mineral freshness. Drink through 2035.

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## SPREITZER RIESLING RHEINGAU DOOSBERG TROCKEN 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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**Score**

**Region** Rheingau**Vintage** 2016**94****CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE****DOWNLOAD SHELF TALKER**

What a beautiful wine with such a stunning peach-apricot bouquet and a wonderful harmony of ripeness and fresh acidity. Perfect balance at the long finish.

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It would be hard to find a more classical dry Rheingau riesling than this. The bouquet makes me think of 17th century Dutch still life paintings; the frozen beauty of perishable fruits and flowers, the silence, the subtle shadings. In spite of its sleek frame, this has stunning concentration, is finely nuanced and has a long bone-dry very mineral finish. Best through 2030.

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MARCOBRUNN AUSLESE 2015** <sup>^</sup>**Country** Germany**Region** Rheingau**Vintage** 2015**Score****94****CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE****DOWNLOAD SHELF TALKER**

An impressive Rheingau auslese with a lot of power and quite some honey from botrytis. Packs quite a punch at the finish and with a bit more elegance this

would have rated even higher. Best from 2018 through 2050.

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## LANGWERTH VON SIMMERN RIESLING RHEINGAU ERBACHER <sup>^</sup>

MARCORRBUNN AUSLESE 2015

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>94</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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A lush and creamy auslese with quite some finesse. The sweetness is already rather well integrated thanks to the fresh citrusy acidity. Long elegant finish and certainly the potential to mature through at least 2040.

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## VON OETINGER RIESLING RHEINGAU TRADITION TROCKEN 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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A stunning wine for a non-vineyard designate that's packed with yellow fruits (grapefruit and pineapple as well as peach), has serious concentration and great textural complexity. Better than many GGs that cost double this price. Drink now through 2030.

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## J.B. BECKER RIESLING RHEINGAU WALLUFER WALKENBERG SPÄTLESE <sup>^</sup> TROCKEN 2015

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>94</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Although it has a rather sleek silhouette, this is a striking dry riesling with a complex smoky, gooseberry and fresh pineapple character that's still not at its best, but has stunning mineral freshness at the very long finish. Best from 2019 through 2040.

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## PRINZ SAUVIGNON BLANC RHEINGAU 2016

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>93</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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This might be Germany's finest Sauvignon Blanc. Delicate melon and passion fruit aromas. Ripe and elegant, and long clean finish with a mineral freshness. Best through 2021.

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>93</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Complex grilled artichoke and floral honey character. Power and crisp acidity, the finish seriously exciting. Best through 2040.

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## PRINZ RIESLING RHEINGAU HALLGARTENER TROCKEN 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>93</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Still a bit closed. This is a powerful, complex wine with a firm structure that by 2018 will be a classic dry Rheingau riesling with some serious spice and minerality. Be patient because this will continue to impress through at least 2030.

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## GEORG MÜLLER RIESLING RHEINGAU HATTENHEIMER SCHÜTZENHAUS<sup>^</sup> ERSTE LAGE TROCKEN 2016

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>93-94</b> |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Although this is still a bit leesy (a sign of youth), this is a prototypic peachy and elegant dry Rheingau riesling with earthy power and considerable subtlety. Best from 2018 through 2030.

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## PRINZ SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU HENDELBERG 2014 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>93</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2014</b>     |              |

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A really impressive pinot noir for this mediocre vintage with fine red fruit aromas and really elegant dry tannins that carry the long filigree finish. Drink through 2030.

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## KÜNSTLER RIESLING RHEINGAU HÖLLE KABINETT TROCKEN 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>93</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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The full apricot fruit and delicate herbal freshness typical for this site combined with remarkable substance for a dry white with just 12%. A long, rather complex mineral finish. Drink through 2025.

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## ALLENDORF SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU HÖLLENBERG 2014 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>93</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2014</b>     |              |

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This wine carries a touch of volatility quite well because of its full, rich style. Best of all is the long earthy finish. Drink through 2024.

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## KLOSTER EBERBACH SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU HÖLLENBERG GG <sup>^</sup> 2014

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>93</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2014</b>     |              |

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Fragrant and lively, but also rich and elegant with a long spicy and silky finish. This shows how Assmannshausen in the Rheingau acquired its reputation for pinot noir. Should drink well through at least 2030.

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## SPREITZER RIESLING RHEINGAU JESUITENGARTEN ALTE REBEN <sup>^</sup> HALBTROCKEN 2016

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>93</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Stunning peachy fruit, juicy and really elegant in a just off-dry style. A perfect wine for seduction. Drink through 2021.

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## JOHANNISHOF RIESLING RHEINGAU JOHANNISBERG FEINHERB 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>93</b>    |

**Vintage**                      **2016**

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Sleek as a supermodel and every bit as elegant and sexy. The finish is very long and racy and if it doesn't excite you, then riesling's just not your grape! Just 10.5% alcohol! Drink through 2026.

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JOHANNISHOF RIESLING RHEINGAU JOHANNISBERGER KLAUS  
SPÄTLESE 2016 ^

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |                           |

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This wine shows why Johannisberg is one of the best places in the Rhiengau to make sweet Spätlese. Very elegant and refined, but also succulent and refreshing this has a long delicate finish. Best through 2035.

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VON MUMM RIESLING RHEINGAU JOHANNISBERGER MITTELHÖLLE ^  
SPÄTLESE 2015

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |                           |

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A succulent, but very clean spätlese with some finesse and a very attractive wild herb freshness at the long finish. Best through 2035.

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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More juicy and conventional than the kabinett of the same vintage from this producer, but this is a beautiful Spätlese that has excellent balance and a long mineral finish. Drink through 2030.

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TROCKEN 2016

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>93</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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This is a very impressive dry riesling in the sleek and racy direction with a lot of white peach, floral and mineral character. A long crystalline finish. Drink through 2035.

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2016

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**Region** Rheingau**93****Vintage** 2016**CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE****DOWNLOAD SHEFTALKER**

The passion fruit and white peach nose sucks you into a really exciting wine in which there's a tense interplay of ripe, but cool fruit and a racy acidity. Then comes a shower of minerals at the long finish. Drink through 2040.

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2016**Country** Germany**Score****Region** Rheingau**93****Vintage** 2016**CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE****DOWNLOAD SHEFTALKER**

Cool and very elegant with a wonderful delicacy and freshness. This is a dry white for conversation and contemplation. A masterpiece of delicacy with a long silky finish. From over 50 year old vines. Best through 2025.

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Wonderful peachy and citrus fruit on the nose and a palate that's ripe, juicy and elegant with a long silky finish make this hard to resist. It's got the depth to age at least through 2030.

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>93</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Very attractive mint and melon character. Juicy and delicately honeyed with a crisp lemony finish that balances the grape sweetness very nicely. Drink through 2030.

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Serious depth and ripeness for a village wine with elegant acidity and a powerful herbal-mineral finish. Drink through 2025.

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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The classic lemon zest and fresh herbs nose of Lorch. Sleek, elegant and rather filigree, the mineral balancing the high acidity very well through the long finish. Drink through 2030.

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**TROCKEN 2016**

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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A very elegant sleek wine with delicate lemon, white peach and mint notes. The balance at the long, elegant finish is spot on. Drink through 2024.

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**2016**

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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This minor masterpiece of raciness and minerality tops many GGs of this vintage. Wonderful white peach, apricot and floral aroma. Real concentration and a long filigree finish. Best through 2026. A blend of the steep sites with slate soils on the Rüdeshheimer Berg.

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## J.B. BECKER RIESLING RHEINGAU MARTINSTHALER RÖDCHEN AUSLESE<sup>^</sup> 2015

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>93</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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An unusual auslese that's barely even off-dry and has striking aromas of dried strawberry, star fruit and apricot. There's a great balance between herbal freshness and richness on the middle palate, then the very clean bright finish sweeps you away. Drink through 2050.

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## VON OETINGER RIESLING RHEINGAU MICHELMARK 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>93</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Although it doesn't say it on the label, this is a high-end Rheingau spätlese. Still very young, but there's a great structure behind the ripe pear and white peach aromas. Drink through 2030.

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## FLICK RIESLING RHEINGAU NONNBERG SPÄTLESE 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Concentrated and tightly wound, this is rather serious spätlese that will blossom into a Rheingau classic if you have a little patience. Best from 2018 through 2030.

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AUGUST ESER RIESLING RHEINGAU OESTRICHER DOOSBERG SPÄTLESE<sup>^</sup>  
 FEINHERB 2015

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |                           |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |                           |

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Let yourself be haunted by the delicate and complex spicy notes of this dry Rheingau Riesling. Medium-full body with quite a serious structure and long mineral finish. Drink through 2030.

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ALTENKIRCH RIESLING RHEINGAU PFAFFENWIES ERSTES GEWÄCHS<sup>^</sup>  
 TROCKEN 2015

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A very fresh and pristine wine with a very racy and herbal finish that's really long. Drink through 2035.

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## AUGUST ESER RIESLING RHEINGAU RAUENTHALER ROTHENBERG ERSTE LAGE TROCKEN 2016

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Still very fresh and a bit yeasty, however this is an excellent dry Riesling with some real concentration, filigree acidity and minerality. The finish is long and elegant. Finally an exciting wine from this top site! Drink through 2026.

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## KÜNSTLER SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU ASSMANNSHAUSEN 2015

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Wonderfully fragrant and floral with a sleek, silky and fresh personality that's very different from the other pinots from this producer. The long finish is dry, elegant and strikingly mineral. Should age up to 20 years if you can resist drinking it now!

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## SCHLOSS JOHANNISBERG RIESLING RHEINGAU ROTLACK KABINETT FEINHERB 2016

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Just bottled but the baking spices and floral notes are already very appealing. Juicy and vibrant, but light years removed from heavy or sweet. This has a very straight and pure citrus and mineral finish. Best through 2030.

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**SPÄTLESE 2015**

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>93</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Full peach and mango character. A lush and powerful wine with just enough acidity to carry all that. Long complex finish. Drink through 2040.

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**LAGE TROCKEN 2015**

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>93</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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A beautiful rich, but fresh and delicate dry riesling with a beautiful balance and a very long finish. Drink through 2035.

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CARL EHRHARD RIESLING RHEINGAU BERG ROSENECK URSTÜCK: <sup>^</sup>  
OBERE PLATZ TROCKEN 2015

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Just a hint of funk, but also a lot of ripe lemon character. Sleek, but powerful with a very clean mineral finish with considerable power. Drink through 2035.

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CARL EHRHARD RIESLING RHEINGAU BERG ROTTLAND URSTÜCK: <sup>^</sup>  
ROTTLAND TROCKEN 2015

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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This combines great freshness and considerable ripeness in a stunning way. The finish is long, minerally and uplifting. This needs a bit of time and will be at its best from 2018 through 2040.

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SCHÖN SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU RÜDESHEIMER BERG <sup>^</sup>  
SCHLOSSBERG AUSLESE ALTE REBEN 2015

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Maybe this doesn't fit into the international pinot mold, but this is really concentrated and no less elegant. The finish is long and polished. Drink through 2030.

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SCHÖN SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU RÜDESHEIMER DRACHENSTEIN <sup>^</sup>  
 AUSLESE 2011

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>93</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2011</b>     |              |

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Although this Rheingau pinot has almost no oak, it has a really complex fruit, spice and caramel character, then considerable power and ripeness at the long silky finish. Drink through 2025.

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AUGUST KESSELER SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU CUVÉE MAX 2013 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2013</b>     |              |

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Although this has quite a challenging, tannic finish, it is also seriously concentrated with fine redcurrant and sous bois character. Drink through 2030.

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## EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU ELEMENTSTROCKEN 2016

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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A super-fine peachy nose, then a great harmony of fruit and elegant acidity. Long finish with serious depth.

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2015

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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In the J.B. Becker context this is an unusually fruity riesling with just enough grape sweetness (i.e. lower than the norm for this category) and the vitality to be a perfect match with spicy East Asian dishes. Drink through 2040.

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MARCOBRUNN SPÄTLESE 2015

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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An almost perfect peachy bouquet, quite lush and rather concentrated, but this is just a jot too sweet to merit a high rating. Long creamy finish. Drink through 2035.

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## WEGELER RIESLING RHEINGAU GEHEIMRAT J. TROCKEN 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Ripe peachy wine with quite some concentration and a great harmony, the finish long and fine. Best through 2030.

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## PRINZ VON HESSEN RIESLING RHEINGAU WINKELER HASENSPRUNG SPÄTLESE 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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Full peach and mandarin fruit. The very racy acidity gives a lot of drive. The finish packs a real punch. Drink through 2030.

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## BIBO & RUNGE RIESLING RHEINGAU WINKELER HASENSPRUNG SPÄTLESE 2015 <sup>^</sup>



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A dangerous wine that mixes juicy peachy fruit with some dark and explosive elements to create an inspiring cocktail far removed from the global wine norms. Drink through 2040.

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## JOHANNISHOF RIESLING RHEINGAU WINKELER JESUITENGARTEN ALTÉ<sup>^</sup> REBEN TROCKEN 2015

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Ripe and generous, but also elegant and polished, this is a very classic dry Rheingau riesling with quite some sophistication.

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## GEORG MÜLLER RIESLING RHEINGAU HALLGARTEN ALTE REBEN<sup>^</sup> TROCKEN 2015

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The combination of power, finesse and elegance make this stand out of the crowd, but it is also a bit mature for its age. Drink through 2023.

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## FÜRST LÖWENSTEIN RIESLING RHEINGAU HALLGARTENER SCHÖNHELL<sup>^</sup> KABINETT FEINHERB 2016

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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For a dry-style Riesling with only 11.5% alcohol, this has a lot of fruit and some real concentration. The crisp finish packs quite a punch. Best through 2026.

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## PRINZ TRAMINER RHEINGAU 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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This is far removed from opulent and exotic Gewürztraminer with delicate yellow rose aroma and elegant harmony. The first vintage so its hard to gauge the aging potential, but should keep at least through 2022.

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## BIBO & RUNGE RIESLING RHEINGAU HARGARDUN HALBTROCKEN 2015<sup>^</sup>

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**Region** Rheingau**92****Vintage** 2015**CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE****DOWNLOAD SHELF TALKER**

The slight funk and intense licorice note make this stand out of the crowd. But the wine has the ripeness and minerality to carry this. Long harmonious finish. Drink through 2030.

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This is a very attractive wine for the German equivalent of a Bourgogne rouge with cassis, forest berry and spice aromas. Quite a rich, fleshy mouthful with discreet dry tannins at the long finish. Drink through 2025.

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Fine peachy character and an elegant harmony. The finish long, extremely lively and mineral. Drink through 2024.

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KAUFMANN RIESLING RHEINGAU HATTENHEIM TROCKEN 2016 

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Delicate peachy nose, sleek, delicately herbal and earthy with a lot of drive at the finish. Drink through 2026.

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AUGUST ESER RIESLING RHEINGAU HATTENHEIMER  
ENGELMANNNSBERG ERSTE LAGE 2016 

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This needs at least another year to give its best, but there's both concentration and finesse. The finish has some tannic power and this too needs a bit of time to resolve. A complex and exciting wine in the making. Drink through 2030.

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GEORG MÜLLER RIESLING RHEINGAU HATTENHEIMER HASSEL EISWEIÑ  
2016 

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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A fairly light and elegant ice wine that's already good to drink. Best through 2030.

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NUSSBRUNNEN KABINETT TROCKEN 2016** 

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Lovely ripe apricot aroma, just off-dry, but with some real substance and an elegant dry finish.

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2016

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This is the perfect introduction to Gunter Künstler's stunning dry rieslings. Although it has a very fresh acidity and plenty of power, it's also brimming with fruits from peach through citrus to strawberry. Drink through 2025.

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## KÜNSTLER RIESLING RHEINGAU HOCHHEIMER RHEINTERRASSEN TROCKEN 2016

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Bone dry, sleek and steely with intense minerality. This is a startling wine that begs for the best oysters money can buy! Drink through 2023.

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## VON MUMM RIESLING RHEINGAU JOHANNISBERGER SCHWARZENSTEIN TROCKEN 2015

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Bright white fruit and lemon notes. Ripe and elegant medium-bodied dry riesling with an ideal balance for shellfish and other seafood. Drink through 2025.

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## KAUFMANN RIESLING RHEINGAU KABINETT 2016

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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This smells and tastes like a really good lemon tart and there's a seamless harmony of the delicate sweetness with the other elements. A perfect conversation wine. Drink through 2028.

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## PRINZ RIESLING RHEINGAU KABINETT TROCKEN 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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Delicate peachy and herbal notes, then a sleek and athletic body that's moving fast down the track. Rather long, crisp but polished finish. Drink through 2022.

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## KÜNSTLER SAUVIGNON BLANC RHEINGAU KALKSTEIN TROCKEN 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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A beautifully crafted elegant and properly dry sauvignon that can stand beside high-end Sancerre without any trouble. Way more flint character than green bell pepper. Elegant acidity and quite a long mineral finish. Drink through 2020.

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## ROBERT WEIL RIESLING RHEINGAU KIEDRICH KLOSTERBERG ERSTE LAGE TROCKEN 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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A generous and juicy wine in spite of the crisp acidity, the herbal and citrus fruit buffering this very well. Use like a good Chablis and drink through 2024.

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## EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU KIEDRICH TROCKEN 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Very fresh and crisp with delicate fruit and a long very clean finish with herbal and tart peach notes. Drink through 2025.

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## LEITZ SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU LEITZ-BECKER ROTHENBERG 2010 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2010</b>     |              |

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Red cherry, delicate spice, attractive fleshy palate with a bright acidity. Drink through 2022.

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## EVA FRICKE WEISSBURGUNDER RHEINGAU LORCHER KRONE TROCKEN<sup>^</sup> 2016

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Thanks to the intense flinty note and rather full body, you could mistake this for a Chablis Premier Cru. Ripe and substantial with a long powerful mineral finish. Drink through 2021.

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## ALTENKIRCH RIESLING RHEINGAU LORCHER KRONE TROCKEN 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Complex wild herbs and white peach nose that's still really young. Sleek and racy with a mineral and herbal freshness that doesn't want to stop. Just beginning to open up and should be good through at least 2030.

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## GRAF VON KANITZ RIESLING RHEINGAU LORCHER PFAFFENWIES AUSLESE 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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Maybe this is a bit light for auslese, but it's a very nicely balanced wine with more than enough acidity and minerality to carry the sweetness. Drink through 2030.

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2015

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Very succulent but also a lot of lemony freshness to balance the relatively full grape sweetness. At the finish, a little bit simpler than the best of this category. Drink through 2030.

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2013

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The beautiful red fruits and spicy oak nose leads into an elegant and silky palate. The tannins only show at the long delicate finish. Drink through 2025.

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DIEFENHARDT RIESLING RHEINGAU MARTINSTHALER LANGENBERG <sup>^</sup>

BEERENAUSLESE 2015

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A classic, nobly sweet Rheingau riesling with very fresh acidity balancing the lush sweetness and textural richness. If it were less rustic at the finish, then it would rate even higher. Best through 2035.

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This is a three stage rocket that's got great white peach and herbal aroma, mach 5 acidity and a long intensely racy mineral finish. Drink any time through 2025. 100% from the Hochrain site.

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A seriously complex bouquet that's still a bit closed. The more air it gets, the more herbal and yellow fruit notes emerge. Quite some power and ripeness for a moderately priced wine and the finish is long and rather mineral. Best from 2018 through 2026.

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## ALLENDORF SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU QUERCUS 2014 <sup>^</sup>

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Moderate oak and a delicate earthy element make this medium-bodied, rather silky Rheingau pinot seriously enticing. This carries through to the elegant dry finish. Drink through 2024.

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## VON OETINGER RIESLING RHEINGAU ALTE REBEN TROCKEN 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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A rich but fresh dry riesling with plenty of white fruit and floral notes. A long, delicately spicy and herbal finish. Drink any time through 2025

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## CHAT SAUVAGE SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU ASSMANNSHAUSEN 2011 <sup>^</sup>

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**Region** Rheingau  
**Vintage** 2011

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This pinot has the elegance and filigree you expect from Assmannshausen and is now at the beginning of its best mature form. Long, rather complex and distinctly mineral finish. Drink through 2023.

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KLOSTER EBERBACH SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU ASSMANNSHAUSEN<sup>↑</sup>  
HÖLLENBERG MAUERWEIN 2015

**Country** Germany  
**Region** Rheingau  
**Vintage** 2015

**Score**  
**92**

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There are only 600 bottles of this wine made from vines planted along the walls of the Höllenberg site. It has a rich blackberry aroma and a roasted character at the finish that's unique amongst German pinots. Best through 2025.

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KRONE SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU ASSMANSHÄUSER HÖLLENBERG<sup>↑</sup>  
2012

**Country** Germany  
**Region** Rheingau  
**Vintage** 2012

**Score**  
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Still really fresh with attractive cherry and herbal notes. This is quite sleek, but also quite powerful with a long mineral finish. Better from 2018 through 2025.

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Only just bottled, this seems a shade mediocre at first, but the wine opens up beautifully with a bit of air. Full body with some real concentration of mineral and candied citrus character, then a long mineral finish. Better from 2018 and would age through at least 2025.

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UNTERER PLATZ TROCKEN 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Quite a big muscular wine for this part of the Rheingau with some positive tannins supporting the full body. Long lemony-mineral finish. Drink through 2030.

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**Vintage****2015****92****CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE**  
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For this category and modest price, a rather complex wine with dried apple, pear and spice notes. Packed with fruit, but there's also a firm backbone and you could easily pass this off as something much more expensive. Drink through 2024.

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Delicate peach and fresh ginger character underlines the fresh acidity and the discreet sweetness of this elegant wine that has a long, very clean and pure finish.

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TROCKEN 2015**Country****Germany****Score****Region****Rheingau****92****Vintage****2015****CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE**  
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With its complex texture and understated power, this is a self-consciously retro wine with the backbone to age really well. Drink through 2025.

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The tart apricot and earthy character, considerable power and a crisp mineral finish make this a modern Rheingau classic. Drink through 2024.

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KUHWEG TROCKEN 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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Lovely peachy fruit and a silky palate in spite of the lively acidity make it easy to fall in love with this wine. Beautifully combines charm and power. Drink through 2030.

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2015 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>92</b>    |



**Vintage**                      **2015**

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An excellent example of a 2015 single-vineyard wine that's not a jot too ripe or weighty, rather silky and polished. Best through 2023.

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LEITZ RIESLING RHEINGAU RÜDESHEIMER MAGDALENENKREUZ ^  
SPÄTLESE 2016

**Country**                      **Germany**

**Region**                      **Rheingau**

**Vintage**                      **2016**

**Score**

**92**

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Full-on fruit salad character married to great freshness make this full juicy wine with great citrusy freshness a very successful example of this style. Delicious now through 2026.

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FLICK RIESLING RHEINGAU CHARTA 2016 ^

**Country**                      **Germany**

**Region**                      **Rheingau**

**Vintage**                      **2016**

**Score**

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It's hard to believe this wine is so friendly in price because it's a peach and elegant Rheingau classic with a long rather mineral finish that make it taste like something much more expensive. From the classified Mönchsgewann site. Drink through 2026.

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>92</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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A sleek and pristine dry Riesling for the rich 2015 vintage with plenty of white peach fruit and a long clean finish. Drink through 2022.

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>92</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Some real richness, power, concentration and fine sweetness here and that carries through into the long crisp finish. Drink through 2030.

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>92-93</b> |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Lovely lemon-cream and smoke character. Ripe and rather concentrated but also elegant and long. Drink from 2019 through 2035.

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## VON OETINGER RIESLING RHEINGAU STEINFORM FEINHERB 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b><br><b>92</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |                           |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |                           |

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Charming and serious, juicy and delicately earthy with a great harmony (the best thing about the wine) and quite a long dark, firm finish. Drink through 2025.

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## HEINZ NIKOLAI RIESLING RHEINGAU ERBACHER SIEGELSBERG ERSTES<sup>^</sup> GEWÄCHS TROCKEN 2016

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |                           |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |                           |

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The full peach and apricot fruit of this dry riesling are married to quite a serious structure and the finish packs quite a punch. Best through 2026.

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## KÜNSTLER ALVARINHO RHEINGAU TROCKEN 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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**Region** Rheingau**Vintage** 2016**92****CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE****DOWNLOAD SHELF TALKER**

Does the Portuguese Alvarinho (the same grape as Spain's Albarino) in Germany seem absurd? Then taste the powerful and crisp wine that has considerable herbal and mineral complexity at the long finish. Best through 2022.

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FEINHERB 2016

**Country** Germany**Region** Rheingau**Vintage** 2016**Score****92****CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE****DOWNLOAD SHELF TALKER**

With its full peach and apricot aromas, this is quite a bold and generous wine with some real depth and length. Drink through 2026.

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For this category and modest price level, remarkably elegant and filigree. A seriously mineral wine that's just beginning to give its best. Drink through 2025.

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## GEORG BREUER RIESLING RHEINGAU ESTATE RÜDESHEIM TROCKEN 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>92</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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For just 11.5% alcohol, this dry riesling has great fruit and an elegant harmony, the acidity only showing a little at the very crisp finish. Drink through 2026.

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## LAQUAI RIESLING RHEINGAU VOM QUARZIT FEINHERB 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>92</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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A very solid wine with some of the lemon and lemon-balm character typical for the steep vineyards of Lorch, and for this price level some serious minerality at the long finish. Drink through 2024.

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## J.B. BECKER RIESLING RHEINGAU WALLUFER BERG BILDSTOCK KABINETT 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>92</b>    |

**Vintage**                      **2015**

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Only just off-dry, this is a rather bold and juicy wine for a Kabinett with hints of mango and pineapple (aromas I usually associate with the richer spätlese category). Best through 2030.

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## J.B. BECKER RIESLING RHEINGAU WALLUFER WALKENBERG KABINETT <sup>^</sup> TROCKEN 2015

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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This dry Riesling is deceptively light when you taste the first sip, but the longer you give it, the more lemon and earth character and the more textural complexity emerges. Super-straight and very pure with a long mineral finish, this is just beginning to give its best and will blossom through 2030.

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## SCHLOSS JOHANNISBERG RIESLING RHEINGAU GELBLACK FEINHERB <sup>^</sup> 2016

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |              |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Delicate and floral, but ripe with full white peach, pear and lemon fruit. This is so easy to enjoy, but is full of character with a long, rather complex finish. This is

the wine Schloss Johannisberg sends around the world. A great ambassador for Germany! Drink now or any time through 2025.

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## PRINZ VON HESSEN RIESLING RHEINGAU WINKELER FEINHERB 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>92</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Although only medium-bodied, this is brimming with fruit and a hint of creaminess on the mid palate, then a really long elegant finish. Best from 2018 through 2026.

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## SCHLOSS JOHANNISBERG RIESLING RHEINGAU GELBLACK TROCKEN 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>92</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Complex lemon peel, floral honey and wild herb aromas. Some real concentration, but still with a light touch and a long mineral finish. A stunning estate riesling. Drink through 2023.

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## BIBO & RUNGE RIESLING RHEINGAU HALBTROCKEN 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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**Region** Rheingau**Vintage** 2015**91****CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE****DOWNLOAD SHELF TALKER**

Ripe peach and a hint of fennel notes make this a striking wine. The finish is extremely refreshing. Drink through 2025.

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**ERSTE LAGE TROCKEN 2016****Country** Germany**Region** Rheingau**Vintage** 2016**Score****91****CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE****DOWNLOAD SHELF TALKER**

Delicate floral notes and a sleek body are given force by some positive tannins and a mineral acidity. With more elegance this would have rated even higher. Better from 2018 through 2026.

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The perfect introduction to the sleek and cool wines from northern tip of the Rheingau. Racy acidity and great balance just the other side of dry with a fresh mint and mineral finish. Drink through 2021.



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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Hard as it may be to believe, this impressively ripe and boldly tannic Cab with ripe cassis and just a hint of bellpepper aroma comes from the famous Riesling vineyard site Rüdesheimer Berg Schlossberg! Drink through 2022.

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**ERSTE LAGE TROCKEN 2015**

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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I love the complex herbal and spice notes of this off-dry Riesling. The balance would be perfect if the tannins weren't so prominent but somehow the wine carries this rather well. Clean mineral finish. Drink through 2030.

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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This village wine (Hargardun is the old name for the village of Hallgarten) is brimming with lemon and ripe apple flavors, the palate at once juicy and racy. The finish is very fresh and seriously mineral. Drink through 2022.

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2013</b>     |              |

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Although this has quite a pronounced acidity (typical for the vintage), it's also got full redcurrant fruit and a hint of sweetness to balance that. Then there's the surprisingly long, firm finish which suggest this should drink well through 2025.

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2012</b>     |              |

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The color is on the pale side, but the cassis and sous bois character is impressively deep for a wine of this category. Excellent balance of ripe fruit and dry tannins, only a hint of bitterness at the finish preventing it from rating higher. Best through 2025.

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## GEORG MÜLLER RIESLING RHEINGAU HATTENHEIMER NUSSBRUNNEN<sup>^</sup> SPÄTLESE GOLD CAP 2016

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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An unusually dry wine for this category and although it has some real concentration, this leaves it stranded in a no-man's land between dry and sweet. Best drunk with cheese or a sweet and spicy East Asian dishes.

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## KLOSTER EBERBACH RIESLING RHEINGAU HEPPEHEIMER<sup>^</sup> CENTGERICHT GRAUBURGUNDER GG 2015

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>                   | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Hessische<br/>Bergstrasse</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>                      |              |

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If every German pinot gris tasted this good, then the world would be screaming for these wines. Marries fruit and oak, substance and elegance in a very successful way.

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## SCHÄFER RIESLING RHEINGAU HOCHHEIMER HÖLLE KABINETT<sup>^</sup> TROCKEN 2016

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |

**Vintage**                      **2016****CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE**  
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A delicious peachy dry riesling with great balance that is very easy to enjoy.  
Drink through 2020.

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**KIRCHENSTÜCK ERSTE LAGE TROCKEN 2015****Country**                      **Germany**  
**Region**                      **Rheingau**  
**Vintage**                      **2015****Score**  
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A full-bodied, rich dry riesling that has a lot of character with an acidity that just holds this massive package together. If this was fresher, it would rate higher.  
Drink through 2023.

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**TROCKEN 2016****Country**                      **Germany**  
**Region**                      **Rheingau**  
**Vintage**                      **2016****Score**  
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Very fresh and delicately peachy wine with a sleek, sinuous body and bright lemony acidity that makes the finish very clean. Only 11% alcohol! Best from 2018 through 2024.

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Very attractive tart peach and lemon aromas. Full and fruit packed into a sleek silhouette, the herbal-mineral freshness well matched by the tiny hint of grape sweetness. Already drinking very well, but should be good through 2022.

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2016

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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A bit shy, but a rather concentrated and elegant mid-weight wine with a long silky finish! Drink through 2022.

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Plenty of citrusy fruit, good substance and a mineral acidity make this a striking wine with a long finish. Drink through 2020.

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**TROCKEN 2015**

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |

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Totally untypical for this grape variety with pear and elder flower aromas, then a sleek but powerful body with a twist of bitterness at the long fresh finish that is like nothing else you've ever tasted!

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |

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With its intensely herbal nose and a lemony freshness that drives this crisp, sleek wine along at a brisk clip, this is a very different wine from Kessler's other "basic" dry rieslings. A blend dominated by the vineyards of Lorch. Best through 2021.

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KRONE SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU JUWEL 2012 ^

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2012</b>     |              |

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At first this smells like a herbal liquor, then some black and red berry notes emerge with aeration. Plenty of sweet fruit at the front then some serious dry tannins at the finish. Drink through 2020.

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PRINZ VON HESSEN RIESLING RHEINGAU KABINETT ROYAL TROCKEN 2015 ^

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Lovely peachy wine with a silky texture on the palate and a long elegant finish. Drink through 2030.

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KÜNSTLER CHARDONNAY RHEINGAU KALKSTEIN TROCKEN 2016 ^

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Surprisingly rich and supple wine for this grape in Germany with a lot of butterscotch, candied lemon and dried pear character. Everything fits neatly and that should enable this to mature through at least 2023.

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## ROBERT WEIL RIESLING RHEINGAU KIEDRICHER TROCKEN 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Quite a serious dry Riesling with very good depth, elegant harmony and some real minerality that carries the long finish. Drink through 2024.

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## LEITZ RIESLING RHEINGAU KIRCHENPFAD KABINETT FEINHERB 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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A fresh and sleek riesling with a lot of lemon-herbal freshness and a long, crisp finish that will taste dry to many palates. Drink through 2024.

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## FLICK RIESLING RHEINGAU KÖNIGIN-VICTORIA-BERG KABINETT 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |



**Vintage**                      **2016**

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At once full of juicy fruit, yet crisp. This is a beautifully balanced kabinett that would be great with seriously spicy East Asian dishes. Drink through 2026.

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PETER JAKOB KÜHN RIESLING RHEINGAU LENCHEN SPÄTLESE 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b><br><b>91</b> |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |                           |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |                           |

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The strident acidity of this spätlese makes it taste barely off-dry. The thick lees character on the nose masks the fruit and you could easily miss the concentration on the palate as a result. If you've got the patience, this will become a very striking wine, but you need to wait at least a couple of years for that.

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CHAT SAUVAGE SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU LORCH 2013 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |                           |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2013</b>     |                           |

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This is an attractive mid-weight Rheingau pinot with an animating acidity and rather ripe tannins for the mediocre vintage. Drink through 2020.

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GRAF VON KANITZ RIESLING RHEINGAU LORCH TROCKEN 2016 


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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |

**Score**  
**91**

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Not the most complex dry riesling on the planet, but ripe and racy with a long supple finish. Drink through 2022.

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GRAF VON KANITZ RIESLING RHEINGAU LORCHER KRONE ERSTE LAGE   
TROCKEN 2016

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |

**Score**  
**91**

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Fresh, sleek and racy this is a deceptive wine with more mineral and herbal depth than the nose suggests. Drink through 2024.

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GRAF VON KANITZ RIESLING RHEINGAU LORCHER KRONE ERSTE LAGE   
TROCKEN 2015

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |

**Score**  
**91**

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A beautifully balanced medium-full dry Riesling that's a bit tart, but with a long finish crisp and rather mineral. Drink through 2030.

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GRAF VON KANITZ GEWÜRZTRAMINER RHEINGAU LORCHER  
PFAFFENWIES AUSLESE 2015 ^

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Ripe and juicy with moderate acidity and a long creamy finish. Drink through 2030.

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EVA FRICKE SILVANER RHEINGAU LORCHHÄUSER SELIGMACHER  
TROCKEN 2016 ^

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Subtle mirabelle and lees nose. Full body with modest acidity, but the finish is anything but broad or heavy. Best through 2023.

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EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU MELLIFLUOUS ELEMENTS 2016 ^

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**Region** Rheingau**Vintage** 2016**91****CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE****DOWNLOAD SHELF TALKER**

Crisp acidity and very bright white fruit aromas make this an easy wine to enjoy. Well balanced. Drink through 2021.

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TROCKEN 2015****Country** Germany**Region** Rheingau**Vintage** 2015**Score****91-92****CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE****DOWNLOAD SHELF TALKER**

Lots of herbal and smoky character make this a seriously complex wine, but on the palate it doesn't quite have the power the nose suggests. Very clean long lemony finish. Drink from 2019 through 2035.

[Enlarge Tasting Note](#)**AUGUST ESER RIESLING RHEINGAU OESTRICHER LENCHEN KABINETT<sup>^</sup>  
2015****Country** Germany**Region** Rheingau**Vintage** 2015**Score****91****CHECK WINE SEARCHER PRICE****DOWNLOAD SHELF TALKER**

Why make life complicated when this juicy, medium-dry riesling has so much fruit and freshness to offer. Head for the pool and pour!

[Enlarge Tasting Note](#)DIEFENHARDT RIESLING RHEINGAU RAUENTHAL KABINETT 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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The best thing about this is the balance which enables it to taste winy, rather than merely sweet. The finish is citrusy and dry. Drink through 2024.

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ERSTE LAGE TROCKEN 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Although this isn't the freshest 2016 dry Rheingau riesling, it has a lot of herbal, dried pear and leesy character. The power at the finish suggests this should be good through 2026.

[Enlarge Tasting Note](#)SPREITZER RIESLING RHEINGAU 101 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Very peachy and juicy with a great balance of fruit, acidity and herbal freshness. Drink through 2024 if you can resist it now.

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Seriously funky (reduction), this is a touch on the wild side, but the wine also has plenty of juicy fruit and some real power at the finish. Better from 2018 through 2030.

[Enlarge Tasting Note](#)**KLOSTER EBERBACH SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU ASSMANNSHAUSEN** <sup>^</sup>  
**HÖLLENBERG GOLD CAP 2015**

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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This special auction bottling is richer, more polished and longer at the finish than the regular wine. Look for the gold capsule. Best through 2025.

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## ALTENKIRCH SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU ROTSCHIEFER 2015

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Quite a rich, fleshy wine with elegant tannins for this difficult vintage. Then comes a sleek and mineral finish of some complexity. With a touch less oak this would rate even higher. Drink through 2030.

[Enlarge Tasting Note](#)CARL ERHARD RIESLING RHEINGAU RÜDESHEIM BERG TROCKEN 2015<sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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Slightly funky (reduction), but that's just a sign of youth. The palate is concentrated and the balance is impressive too. A rather serious dry wine that will be best from 2018 through 2030.

[Enlarge Tasting Note](#)JOHANNISHOF RIESLING RHEINGAU RÜDESHEIM FEINHERB 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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This sleek and suave riesling is a great introduction to the wines of Johannisberg and also super value for money. Drink through 2023.

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## LEITZ RIESLING RHEINGAU RÜDESHEIM TROCKEN 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |                           |

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Although this is moderate in alcohol, it's quite a substantial dry white with some earthy character and plenty of citrusy fruit, and a long harmonious finish. Best from 2018 through 2024.

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## CARL EHRHARD RIESLING RHEINGAU BERG ROTTLAND URSTÜCK: AM BRUNNEN 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |                           |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |                           |

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A big, rich slightly off-dry riesling with lots of peach and a hint of honey (Botrytis). Serious power at the bold, silky finish. Drink through 2030.

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## KLOSTER EBERBACH SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU BERG SCHLOSSBERG GG 2014 <sup>^</sup>



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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2014</b>     |              |

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With its dense black fruit, spicy oak and citrus peel aromas, this is an eye-popping pinot that packs quite a punch. With a bit more subtlety, this would rate much higher. Best through 2025.

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## SCHÖN SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU RÜDESHEIMER BERG SCHLOSSBERG SPÄTLESE 2013 ^

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2013</b>     |              |

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A crisp, but rather ripe red cherry and redcurrant fruit for this vintage. Some healthy dry tannins at the fresh finish. Drink through 2025.

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## VON MUMM RIESLING RHEINGAU RÜDESHEIMER TROCKEN 2016 ^

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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An elegant mid-weight dry riesling with a crisp dry finish that's got a very satisfying harmony.

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |

**Score**  
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This is a beautiful wine in the making. Rich, polished and lively, this is delicious, refined and - in the best sense of the word - uncomplicated. Drink from 2018 through 2030.

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |

**Score**  
**91**

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Fresh apricot aroma. This has a yeasty note that reminds me of freshly baked bread. Quite a generous wine with some creaminess on the mid-palate, but a clean finish with an interesting vegetal note that accentuates the freshness. Drink through 2030.

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |

**Score**  
**91**

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Cool and subtle for this grape. Quite generous on the palate, but with a hint of green that lifts the finish beautifully.

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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A remarkable wine for a basic bottling with spicy-earthly character and a solid core of polished tannins. Only at the finish is there a slight rusticity. Delicious now, but will be good at least through 2023.

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |              |

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A stunning off-dry riesling for everyday drinking. Packed with fruit and beautifully balanced, this is a go-to wine for all manner of foods (the only exception is very reduced meat sauces).

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## HEINZ NIKOLAI RIESLING RHEINGAU ERBACHER MICHELMARK TROCKEN 2016

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Very fresh, lemony dry riesling with plenty of fruit and a crisp acidity. Why wait? Lots of life and energy right now.

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## HEINZ NIKOLAI RIESLING RHEINGAU ERBACHER STEINMORGEN ALTE <sup>^</sup> REBEN FEINHERB 2016

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Full and ripe with quite some weight and power. If this was married to more elegance, this would score even higher. An ideal wine for seriously spicy East Asian dishes. Drink through 2024.

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## EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU TROCKEN 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Intense licorice note, bright white fruits, and considerable substance for the moderate alcohol content. Long finish. Drink through 2021.

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## HEINZ NIKOLAI RIESLING RHEINGAU ERBACHER STEINMORGEN ERSTES<sup>^</sup> GEWÄCHS TROCKEN 2016

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |                           |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |                           |

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Quite a full, juicy dry riesling with moderate acidity that's easy to enjoy and would make a great match with many kinds of spicy food. Drink through 2022.

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## GEORG BREUER RIESLING RHEINGAU ESTATE RAUENTHAL TROCKEN<sup>^</sup> 2016

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |                           |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |                           |

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I love the aromatic exuberance of this wine (white peach, citrus and blossoms) and the mineral freshness of this cool customer but at the bracing finish the acidity is still a bit challenging. Better from 2018 through 2030.

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## KÜNSTLER RIESLING RHEINGAU ESTATE FEINHERB 2016<sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Where can you find a "classic" Rheingau riesling for this price these days? Here's the answer to that question. It's seriously delicious and should remain that way through 2022.

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## KÜNSTLER RIESLING RHEINGAU ESTATE TROCKEN 2016 ^

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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An excellent "Estate Riesling" that has plenty of tart peach and lemon aromas. Juicy and very crisp with some real minerality at the long finish. Delicious through 2022.

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## PRINZ RIESLING RHEINGAU ESTATE TROCKEN 2016 ^

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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As sleek and energetic as a top racehorse. The mountain freshness and mineral drive of this wine makes it stand out in the 2016 "Estate Riesling" category. Long, very clean finish. Better in 2018 and through 2025.

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## J.B. BECKER RIESLING RHEINGAU WALLUFER OBERBERG KABINETT HABTROCKEN 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |

**Score**  
**91**

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Very flinty, sleek and racy, this is dry enough to use as you would a good Sancerre, and although it isn't that long, this will give a lot of pleasure through at least 2030.

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## GEORG BREUER RIESLING RHEINGAU GB CHARM 2016 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |

**Score**  
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Juicy and racy, this marries charm with character and a firm mineral backbone. So much life and energy as well as super-fresh white fruits character. Drink through 2024.

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## FLICK RIESLING RHEINGAU WICKERER ALTE REBEN TROCKEN 2015 <sup>^</sup>

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| <b>Country</b> | <b>Germany</b>  |
| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2015</b>     |

**Score**  
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The full peachy nose leads into a ripe and generous palate although this is anything but a high alcohol wine. The grapefruit note at the finish pulls you back to the glass for more. Drink through 2023.

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>91</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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The tart peach, lemon and mint character of this sleek wine give it great freshness and racy mineral acidity. Drink through 2024.

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>90</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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A very solid dry Rheingau riesling with enough substance to balance the lemony acidity. Quite some mineral freshness at the finish. Where are the oysters? Best through 2020.

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Quite a generous smoky red with some nice cassis fruit, moderate tannins and a fresh finish. Drink through 2020.

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## QUERBACH SPÄTBURGUNDER RHEINGAU 2007

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| <b>Region</b>  | <b>Rheingau</b> | <b>90</b>    |
| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2007</b>     |              |

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A ripe and mellow pinot with just enough dry tannins to carry the full body. Drink now or through 2020.

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## HEINZ NIKOLAI RIESLING RHEINGAU HALLGARTENER JUNGFER KABINETT FEINHERB 2016

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Ripe, juicy and frankly off-dry. This has enough weight to function well with smoked or fatty foods. Drink through 2020.

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2014</b>     |              |

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Rather complex smoky-earthly pinot with a robust dry tannin structure and quite some power. If the finish was more polished, this would rate even higher. Better from 2018 through 2022.

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2016

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| <b>Vintage</b> | <b>2016</b>     |              |

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Quite developed for a 2016, but full of ripe peach fruit, good substance and length. Drink through 2019.

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HEPPENHEIMER CENTGERICHT TROCKEN 2016

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