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JAMES SUCKLING | DEUTSCHLAND | JAHRGANG 2020

2020 Hermannshöhle Riesling trocken Grosses Gewächs

100/100 Punkte | The greatest wines are clear right from the very beginning, because not only is there a super abundance of perfect ripeness, but everything fits so beautifully that you're instantly captivated. That's exactly the way this dry riesling masterpiece is. The most ravishing, peachy fruit and the most perfect balance. Then comes the totally compelling, salty finish that just doesn't want to stop.

2020 Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle Riesling Spätlese

100/100 Punkte | Hit me with a flower! This starts very delicately with an incredibly subtle nose of fresh and dried flowers. Then comes the enormously concentrated yet totally filigree palate, which dazzles the senses with its thousand nuances and almost endless, super-silky finish. Decades of aging potential.

2020 Dellchen Riesling trocken Grosses Gewächs

99/100 Punkte | hat a nose! This smells like essence of peach with a delicate, floral-honey overtone. Seems to vibrate on the palate, thanks to the staggering minerality and totally vibrant acidity. Extremely complex and energetic finish that goes on and on. Very limited production.

2020 Oberhäuser Brücke Riesling Eiswein

99/100 Punkte | Incredibly dense and just oozing with papaya, this is so luscious and tropical that some may find it overwhelming, but it's got a very compact structure and a laser beam of acidity that keeps it totally bright. Tons of caramelized-nut character at the massive finish. Very limited production. The first ice wine from this producer since 2015!

2020 Brücke Riesling trocken Grosses Gewächs (Auction)

98/100 Punkte | An extremely striking and unusually "dark" wine in the Nahe context. Still quite closed, but the powerful structure and cool, herbal aromas are already clear enough. Very compact, but vibrant and mineral finish. Very limited production.

2020 Felsenberg Riesling trocken Grosses Gewächs

98/100 Punkte | If you are a terroir fundamentalist, then this enormous depth of smoky and wild-herb character will light your fire, but otherwise approach with caution. With the second and third sip you feel the attractive, grapefruity side of the wine. Then comes the paradox. There is also a touch of grapefruit-pith bitterness at the radically mineral finish, and this adds to the excitement.

2020 Oberhäuser Brücke Riesling Auslese Goldkapsel

98/100 Punkte | Such an exotic nose with a slew of passion fruit, mangosteen and King Alfonso mango. Compact and concentrated, but the more important things are the coolness and gracefulness of this moderately sweet Auslese that turns in a dark, "earthy" direction at the powerful finish. Very limited production.

2020 Höllenspfad im Mühlenberg Riesling trocken Grosses Gewächs

97/100 Punkte | Very complex wild herb and berry nose with a touch of fresh pineapple. Concentrated and succulent, yet this remains so bright, the minerality building to a huge climax that is still so vibrant. Enormous aging potential.

2020 Oberhäuser Brücke Riesling Spätlese

97/100 Punkte | Wonderful white-peach, mandarin and orange-blossom nose that also has something dark and "earthy" behind all the charm. So much depth and energy that it makes your bones rattle! Staggering intensity at the vibrant, lemony finish. The grape sweetness is there, but way in the background.



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95/100 Punkte | Shimmers with peach, citrus and flint on the nose. Excellent structure, although this isn't demonstrative. Rather, the wine has depth and a certain playfulness through the very long and intense finish.

2020 Niederhäuser Klamm Riesling Kabinett

95/100 Punkte | A very serious Kabinett that has so much depth as well. Stunning, peachy fruit that is beautifully counterpointed by the mineral freshness that drives the stunningly refreshing finish.

2020 Norheimer Kirschheck Riesling Spätlese

95/100 Punkte | Captivating aromas of a garden dripping with rain after a summer storm. Both very succulent and really elegant, the serious acidity lighting this up like fireworks. Brilliant and super-fresh, barely off-dry finish.

2020 Roxheimer Höllenspfad Riesling trocken EL

95/100 Punkte | Intensely herbal and tightly wound, this tastes like a GG, thanks to the firm and complex structure. Long, ultra-mineral and herbal finish. This needs some time to unwind, but has great potential.

2020 Schlossböckelheim Riesling trocken Ortswein

95/100 Punkte | Striking nose of yellow grapefruit and wild herbs with a touch of lemon curd. Concentrated and sleek with a compact, smoky and mineral core. Long, stony and rather spicy finish. The first vintage of this wine from young vines in the Felsenberg GG site!

2020 DÖNNHOFF Chardonnay -S- trocken

94/100 Punkte | Very attractive orange and flint aromas, but only just beginning to open up. Impressive depth and structure, married to a touch of creaminess. Everything fits very neatly, the finish long and mineral. First vintage of this wine with limited production.

2020 Kreuznacher Kahlenberg Riesling trocken EL

94/100 Punkte | This is the right wine for anyone who thinks that dry riesling is always austere. Very generous and juicy with chalky character that neatly counterpoints the full, citrusy fruit. Long finish that's stony, but far from tart.

2020 Niederhausen Riesling trocken Ortswein

94/100 Punkte | A super-elegant, medium-bodied dry riesling that is at once sophisticated and playful with a beautiful interplay of mandarin, peach and honeysuckle character with graceful acidity. The first vintage of this wine from young vines in the Hermannshöhle GG site!

2020 Oberhäuser Leistenberg Riesling Kabinett

94/100 Punkte | Some people think only the Mosel can produce stunning Kabinetts, but this is pristine and pure, so racy and uplifting. You barely feel the natural grape sweetness, but it's a vital element of this wine. Super-clean finish.

2020 DÖNNHOFF Grauburgunder -S- trocken

93/100 Punkte | At once rich and bright, this is a lovely dry pinot gris with a touch of melted butter alongside the ripe melon. Full body for this region, but still graceful. Long, supple finish.

2020 Kreuznacher Krötenpfuhl Riesling Kabinett

93/100 Punkte | Lovely fruit-salad and fresh-mint nose. Juicy and joyful, this has so much freshness, the hint of green apple at the crisp finish accentuating this. Good length.





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2020 DÖNNHOFF Tonschiefer Riesling trocken

93/100 Punkte | Very pristine and sleek with finely etched peach, nectarine and Amalfi lemon-zest character, as well as minerality that slowly builds at the long, very focused finish.

2020 DÖNNHOFF Stückfass Weißburgunder & Chardonnay trocken

93/100 Punkte | Excellent tension between lemon and pear fruit with smoky lees character. The fine tannins support the moderately sleek palate very well. Fascinating, delicate herbal notes at the long finish. The name comes from the size of the barrel in which this was made – 1,200 liters.

2020 DÖNNHOFF Weißburgunder -S- trocken

93/100 Punkte | Subtle, flinty nose with notes of white fruit and flowers. There's impressive concentration packed into this dry pinot blanc's rather sleek silhouette. Excellent tannin structure that supports the long, elegant finish beautifully.

2020 DÖNNHOFF Riesling QbA

92/100 Punkte | So effusive thanks to the cornucopia of white peach and yellow apple, but also floral notes. Super fresh and juicy on the medium-bodied palate and the brilliant finish is barely off-dry.

2020 DÖNNHOFF Riesling trocken

92/100 Punkte | Very fresh, sleek and straight with a slew of summer-fruit and citrus aromas and a super-refreshing, crisp finish. Mostly from little-known vineyard sites in Oberhausen.

2020 DÖNNHOFF Doppelstück Weißburgunder & Grauburgunder trocken

92/100 Punkte | Tons of melon and blood orange. Crisp and juicy with a very satisfying balance of medium body, some creaminess from sur-lie maturation and a long citrusy finish. The name comes from the size of the barrel in which this was made – 2,400 liters.

2020 DÖNNHOFF Grauburgunder trocken

91/100 Punkte | The subtle orange, melon and persimmon nose leads you into a remarkably delicate dry wine for the pinot gris grape. And, in spite of that good length, with a touch of positive tannin.

2020 DÖNNHOFF Weißburgunder trocken

91/100 Punkte | Excellent interplay of citrus and pear fruit with some nice creaminess on the medium-bodied palate, all this supported by a touch of tannin. Nice citrusy freshness at the bright, elegant finish.

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