

The 2002 German Vintage An Excellent to Outstanding Year

WEINGUT JOSEF BIFFAR (PFALZ)



2002 Riesling Spätlese Deidesheimer Kalkofen: Liquid minerals and citrus fruits are found in the aromatic profile of the 2002 Riesling. A light to medium-bodied, lush wine, it reveals a touch of spritz (from trapped CO₂, a trait that will disappear in time) in its quinine and lime-flavored character. This concentrated effort exhibits excellent depth of fruit and an appealingly long, dry finish. Drink it over the next 2-3 years. **90 Points**

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2002 Riesling Spätlese Trocken Wachenheimer Altenberg: Freshly cut flowers are found in the nose of the 2002 Riesling. Fresh, focused, and light to medium-bodied, it exhibits juicy peach, apricot, and spiced apple flavors in its pure, expressive character. **89 Points**

WEINGUT JOH. JOS. CHRISTOFFEL ERBEN (MOSEL)

2002 Riesling Auslese Erdener Treppchen : Spiced apples are found in the nose of the light to medium-bodied Riesling. A forward, satin-textured, fruit-driven offering, it coats the palate with well-ripened white fruits and slate. Fresh, plump, and fleshy, it has an appealing long finish. It should be consumed over the next 12 to 15 years. **92 Points**

2002 Riesling Auslese Erdener Treppchen: Exhibits great aromatic depth and richness as well as a powerful, broad, and sultry core of fruit. Candied apples and poached pears are found throughout this plush offering's bold flavor profile and silky finish. **92 Points**

2002 Riesling Auslese Urziger Würzgarten: A sensual wine, the 2002 Riesling displays honeysuckle and white flower aromas. Slate, candied apples, figs, and pulpy apples are found in its soft, light to medium-bodied personality. Drink it over the next 10-15 years. **90 Points**

2002 Riesling Auslese Urziger Würzgarten*: fabulous panoply of flowers, including lilies and violets, can be discerned in the nose of the 2002 Riesling. Medium-bodied, supple, deep, pure, and satin-textured, its slightly fizzy quality (from the CO₂) provides a delightful freshness to its kiwi, melon, white flower, and red currant-flavored personality. **91 Points**



2002 Riesling Auslese Urziger Würzgarten:** Almonds, spice, and floral scents emanate from the glass of the 2002 Riesling. An expansive, magnificently broad wine, it is fat, rich, pure, and possesses an impressively long finish. Copious quantities of super-ripe pears are intermingled with spices and honeyed slate in this efforts highly expressive character. **93 Points**

2002 Riesling Auslese Urziger Würzgarten*:** This could easily merit 2-3 points more if its finish harmonizes and fills out with cellaring, that's how spectacular this wine's nose and attack are! The aromas of a myriad flowers, perfumes, kiwis, limes, and spices explode from the glass. On the palate, this big, concentrated, plush, super-rich effort stuns the taster with its waves of pulp-packed pears and apples. Ginger, candied minerals, and exotic fruits are also found in the complex depths of this showstopper. It has stunning clarity of fruit, particularly given its richness, yet its finish needs to come together. **94+ Points**



2002 Riesling Eiswein Ürziger Würzgarten: The 2002 Riesling's jammy apricot-scented nose is more reminiscent of a tangy Beerenauslese's than an Eiswein's. It has spectacular focus, precision, and reveals loads of sweet, zesty limes, white pepper, apricot, and lemon flavors in its driven personality. This concentrated but no super-rich Eiswein should be drink over the next 40 years. **93 Points**

2002 Riesling Kabinett Ürziger Würzgarten: This could easily be sold as an Auslese. Its demure aromatics lead to a broad, lush, fat core of white fruits, minerals, and tangy slate. An immensely satisfying, big-hearted Kabinett, it is medium-bodied, packed with fruit, softly textured, and reveals a long flavorful finish. **89 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Ürziger Würzgarten: Has powerful minerals in its aromatic profile, a plush, fat, pulp-laden white fruit-dominated character, and a long, tangy mineral-filled finish. **89 Points**

WEINGUT HERMANN DÖNNHOFF (NAHE)

2002 Riesling Auslese Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle: Dominated by botrytis and spices, the nose of the 2002 Riesling Auslese Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle leads to a broad, immensely rich core of enormous concentration. Medium-bodied, laced with spicy noble rot, it has tremendous depth, power and length. It is rather fitting that both of the estate's 2002 Auslese are only available in half-bottles, a sign that Dönnhoff himself realizes they are more than Auslesen, deserving to be treated (and served) as Beerenauslesen. **94 Points**



2002 Riesling Auslese Oberhäuser Brücke: Screams Beerenauslese from its nose to its finish. Red fruits, smoky botrytis, and spices are found in its explosive aromatics. Syrupy, weighty, authoritative, and revealing remarkable richness, it is plush as well as impeccably balanced. **97 Points**

2002 Riesling Eiswein Oberhäuser Brücke: Another grand slam run for Dönnhoff. It is so intense, so powerful, and so complex as to instill fear in the taster. It's apricot and peach cobbler aromas lead to a jellied core of cassis, raspberries, syrupy slate, and oodles of spices. It is simply amazing. That a wine of this richness, ripeness, and depth can retain perfect definition, grip, and refinement. **Bravo! 100 Points**

2002 Riesling Kabinett Norheimer Dellchen: Aromatically demure yet reveals a lush, pear-laced personality with complex notes of gravel and tangy limes. A wine of outstanding clarity and grip, its light to medium-bodied character is satin-textured, focused and long. **90 Points**

2002 Riesling Kabinett Oberhäuser Leistenberg: For the second year in a row, Helmut Dönnhoff has established a new Kabinett benchmark. There is an ethereal, Chevalier-Montrachet-like, quality to his 2002 Kabinett. Its intense mineral liquer aromas as well as flavors penetrate and dominate the taster. Harmonious, intense, concentrated, deep, of enormous purity and length, this wine earned a resounding "Wow!" in my notes. **92+ Points**



2002 Riesling QbA: Armed with huge aromatic depth, the 2002 QbA reveals minerals and slate scents. Penetrating flavors of stones and gravel are found in this silky-textured, light to medium-bodied, pure wine. It is masculine, juicy, and driven by terror. Drink it over the next 7-8 years. **89 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle: Profound aromas of liquid slate and pepper emanate from the glass of the 2002 Riesling Spätlese Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle. As powerful, muscular and masculine as the Oberhäuser Brücke, it has flavors reminiscent of spices awash in pear syrup. A barely perceptible dip in intensity in the mid-palate is the reason this extraordinarily pure, concentrated, and persistent wine earns one less point than some of its peers. **96 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Norheimer Dellchen: Reveals enormous ripeness in its slate and pear aromas. Light to medium-bodied, displaying mind blowing focus, refinement and depth, it demands silence and awe. Portobello mushrooms, candied limes and flint can be detected in its highly nuanced character as well as throughout its extensive finish. **97 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Norheimer Kirschheck: Sporting a gravel syrup-laden nose the 2002 Riesling Spätlese Norheimer Kirschheck is broad, ample, plush, and a demonist's delight. Hugely rich, fat, and pure, it bastes the palate with slate-immersed black cherries. **92+ Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Oberhäuser Brücke: Exhibits aromas and flavors of cherry-drenched quartz, raspberries, minerals, as well as steel. Medium-bodied, muscular, powerful and masculine, it is an oily-textured, broad-shouldered wine of spectacular depth and length. This concentrated, harmonious behemoth will be at its best between 2010 and 2030. **97 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Schlossböckelheimer Felsenberg: Explodes from the glass with sweet onion and black raspberry aromas. A decadent wine, it offers a goose-down duvet texture as well as wide, lush waves of juicy cassis fruit, sea salt, and flint. Powerful, edge-free, pure, and magnificently long, this medium-bodied beauty is a candidate for drinking between 2008 and 2025. **95 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Schlossböckelheimer Kupfergrube: Medium-bodied and revealing scents reminiscent of sweet scallions, cassis, spices and fresh herbs, the 2002 Riesling Spätlese Schlossböckelheimer Kupfergrube conquers the taster with ethereal waves of black currants, apples, minerals, baby powder and pears. Satin-textured, as pure as crystal, and lasting over a minute on the palate, it is a masterpiece to drink. **97+ Points**

WEINGUT HELMUT HEXAMER (NAHE)



2002 Riesling Eiswein Meddersheimer Rheingrafenberg: Will please those who enjoy bracing, teeth-attacking acidity. It is powerful and dominated by spiced Meyer lemons and tea-like flavors. **93 Points**

2002 Riesling Eiswein Sobernheimer Marbach: Broader, richer and more complex 2002 Riesling Eiswein Sobernheimer Marbach is stunning, harmonious, rich, immensely pure, and packed with passion fruit as well as spices. **96+ Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Meddersheimer Rheingrafenberg: Rich scents of apricot immersed in minerals are found on the nose of the 2002 Riesling Spätlese Meddersheimer Rheingrafenberg. A fruit-forward, satin-textured wine, with outstanding depth, texture, and length, it is packed with pulp-laden pears. **91 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Meddersheimer Rheingrafenberg*: Intriguing aromas reminiscent of Portobello mushrooms lead to the 2002 Riesling Spätlese Meddersheimer Rheingrafenberg*'s personality. This silky-textured wine is fruity, lush, wide and reveals loads of spiced apples in its flavor profile as well as in its impressive finish. **91 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Meddersheimer Rheingrafenberg:** An even bigger, broader, lusher and more expressive wine, the spiced pear-scented 2002 Riesling Spätlese Meddersheimer Rheingrafenberg**, was produced from the same vineyard. Verbena, minerals, spices and poached pears can be found in its fruit-forward personality. Medium-bodied, dense and juicy. **93 Points**

WEINGUT KARLSMÜHLE (RUWER)

2002 Riesling Auslese Kaseler Nies'Chen: An exceptional wine. White flowers are interspersed with cotton candy in its boisterous aromatics. Plush, sexy, and powerful, it slathers the palate with oodles of lilies, syrup stones, candied apples, botrytis and spices. Medium-bodied, with the texture of a satin duvet, this is a harmonious, splendidly refined beauty. **95 Points**

2002 Riesling Auslese Lorenzhöfer A.P. #1503: It is, if you will, a mini-Eiswein. Its nose reveals massive richness as well as penetrating herbal and candied lime scents. On the palate, this is a wine of enormous depth, concentration, focus, purity, and length. According to Terry Theise, the estates importer, this effort was produced from frozen berries but did not achieve the must weight required for Eiswein. Its extraordinarily long, honey-laced finish bears out its origins...as does the fact that it will require some cellaring before coming fully together. **94+ Points**



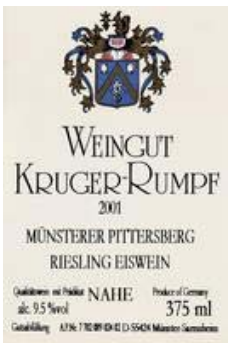
2002 Riesling Eiswein Lorenzhöfer A.P. #1603: The acidity level is high, but it is well integrated with this effort's stupendously rich, syrup fruit. Candied/spiced apples, citrus fruits, pears, and honeyed minerals can be found in this jewel's pure, crystalline character as well as in its exceptionally long finish. **96 Points**

2002 Riesling Eiswein Lorenzhöfer A.P. # 1703: Aromas reminiscent of a mint julep spiked with some cassis liqueur explode from the glass. This vivacious Eiswein has extraordinary richness, sublime purity, and gorgeous flavors of pear, limes, kiwis, and honeyed minerals, as well as massive, teeth-shattering acidity. **94 Points**

2002 Riesling Kabinett Kaseler Nies'Chen: Aromatically demure, the 2002 Riesling Kabinett Kaseler Nies'Chen bursts on the palate with spiced lemons and candied minerals. Light to medium-bodied and satin-textured, it is juicy, full-flavored and has an enormously appealing, mouth-puckering tartness on the finish. **89 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Kaseler Nies'Chen: Pears, minerals, and slate are found in the nose of the rich, lush and broad 2002 Riesling Spätlese Kaseler Nies'Chen. A wine of power and elegance, it bursts on the palate with loads of spicy white peaches, pears, and juicy candied lemons. Deep, complex and revealing a persistent, flavorful finish. **91 Points**

KRUGER-RUMPF (NAHE)



2002 Riesling Spätlese Münsterer Dautenpflänzer: Earth and freshly shaved coconut are found in the nose of the fat, juicy, medium-bodied 2002 Riesling Spätlese Münsterer Dautenpflänzer. An outstanding wine, it is lush, sexy, oily-textured, and slathers the palate with apples, botrytis, and tangy candied limes. A powerful underlying minerality can be discerned in its lengthy finish.

91 Points

2002 Riesling Spätlese Münsterer Pittersberg: Most certainly better than the score indicates, but it suffered from excessive sulfur in my tasting. Slate and gunflint scents come to the fore with considerable air. It has a plush, satiny-texture, salty, mineral and tangy flint flavors, as well as a fleshy medium-bodied character. Experience suggests this will be an outstanding wine after a few years in the cellar. **89+ Points**

WEINGUT JOSEF LEITZ (RHEINGAU)

2002 Riesling Auslese Rudesheimer Berg Rottland: Sporting a Beerenauslese nose of candied grapefruits, botrytis and smoke, the 2002 Riesling Auslese Rudesheimer Berg Rottland also displays faint scents of sweet green onions. Bergamots (the pear shaped oranges that are used to perfume Earl Gray tea) and loads of noble rot can be discerned in this feminine, lush, soft and powerful wine's personality. Medium-bodied, it has lovely precision as well as balance.

92 Points

2002 Riesling Beerenauslese Rudesheimer Kirchenpfad: So light in color it could easily pass for water... until one's nose discerns its zesty aromas of grapefruit, lily, white flowers and botrytis. Lush, pure and loaded with cherries, raspberries, and plums, this medium-bodied wine is surprisingly fleeting in the finish. **89 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Rudesheimer Berg Roseneck: Displays lily, violet, and chalk aromas. On the palate, this medium-bodied offering reveals a gorgeous expanse of sweet limes infused with red currants. An elegant, concentrated, silky-textured wine, it also exhibits a long, flavorful finish. **92 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Rudesheimer Berg Schlossberg: A fabulous Spätlese, it is medium-bodied, magnificently elegant, lush, sexy, exquisitely balanced, and tremendously long on the finish. Candied onions, minerals, black cherries, and gunflint can be discerned in its complex flavors. **94 Points**



2002 Riesling Spätlese Rudesheimer Magdalenenkreuz: chalk-scented, this is a vivacious wine with penetrating acidity, lovely breadth, and flavors reminiscent of limestone, candied lemons, lilies, red fruits, as well as a touch of talcum powder. Its finish is exceptionally long, pure and lively. **89 Points**

LINGENFELDER (PFALZ)



2002 Riesling Spätlese Grosskarlbacher Osterberg: Gorgeous aromas of raspberries, flowers, and spices animate from the glass of the lush, light to medium-bodied 2002 Riesling Spätlese Grosskarlbacher Osterberg. Pure, spicy, softy-textured, and broad, it expands on the palate revealing loads of spicy, well-delineated stone flavors and an extensive finish. **89 Points**

WEINGUT ALFRED MERKELBACH (MOSEL)



Riesling Auslese Ürziger Würzgarten: Lilies, red currants and cherries can be found intermingled with white flowers in the aromatic profile of this wine. A suave, light to medium-bodied, satin-textured effort, it reveals loads of tangy white fruits in its gorgeously friendly character. Plush, angle-free, and forward. **89 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Kinheimer Rosenberg: Passion fruit and slate can be found in the aromatics of the 2002 Riesling Spätlese Kinheimer Rosenberg. Broad, soft, lush and velvety textured, it is an invitingly juicy, plump wine that's guaranteed to leave you with a smile. Its pear, apple, red currant and floral flavors are expressive, full of life, and refreshing. **89 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Ürziger Würzgarten: Displays kiwi, slate, and red berry aromas as well as flavors. This is a tangy, lively wine with excellent depth of fruit, and a juicy, well-focused personality. **89 Points**

WEINGUT THEO MINGES (PFALZ)

2002 Riesling Auslese Gleisweiler Hölle: Revealing a tangier personality, this wine offers black currant and pear aromas. Fresh apples, cassis, loads of spices and hints of poached pears are found in its fun, satin-textured character. Light to medium-bodied, it is well balanced and reveals impressive concentration as well as a lengthy finish. **90 Points**

2002 Riesling Kabinett Gleisweiler Hölle: Sensual. Displays flowers, herbs and stones in its aromatic profile. Softly textured, spicy and lush, it regales the palate with pears, herbal teas, pepper and red currants. This harmonious, full-flavored offering should be drunk over the next 6-7 years. **89+ Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Gleisweiler Hölle: Bursts from the glass with spiced pear and apple scents. Medium-bodied, rich, soft, plush, it is a thick (yet lively) wine filled with blackberries and tangy peaches. **90 Points**



2002 Scheurebe Spätlese Gleisweiler Hölle: Exotic, this wine explodes from the glass with pepper, orange blossoms and spices. Medium-bodied, rich and satin-textured, this lush wine reveals flavors reminiscent of roasted red pepper puree, candied/spiced lemons and hints of tangerines. It should be enjoyed over the next 4 years. **90 Points**

WEINGUT WILLI SCHAEFFER (MOSEL)



2002 Riesling Auslese Graacher Domprobst A.P. #1003: Liquid minerals, spices, verbena and linden can be found in the aromatic profile of this wine. Medium-bodied, elegant and deep, this profound Auslese reveals harmonious layers of pears, slate, apples, fresh herbs and spices. It is fruitier than the #1403, just as precise as well as equally long, complex and graceful. **97 Points**

2002 Riesling Auslese Graacher Domprobst A.P. #1403: An unbelievable marriage of coiled power and refinement, the 2002 Riesling Auslese Graacher Domprobst A.P. #1403 is a slate and mineral scented wine of massive breadth, concentration, purity and harmony.

It's all here, the detail, richness, elegance, muscle, depth and stunning length. The lucky few that will encounter this jewel will be wowed by its intense minerality, shocking complexity and graceful dance across the palate. **98+ Points**

2002 Riesling Auslese Graacher Domprobst A.P. #0703: Broad, ample and medium-bodied, this wine sports a nose of spiced apples and smoky slate. It juxtaposes the fat, pulp-laden fruit found in the finest 2002s with superb purity and liveliness. Apples, minerals, lemongrass and currants can be discerned in its zesty character as well as in its huge length. Thank God nobody told Willi Schaeffer that Kabinetts aren't supposed to taste this great! **92 Points**

2002 Riesling Kabinett Graacher Himmelreich: This liquid mineral-scented wine is a wide, lush, rich, yet superbly focused wine filled with kiwis, limes and minerals. It has outstanding purity, depth, ripeness, harmony and an extremely long finish. Drink it over the next 15 years. **90 Points**

2002 Riesling Kabinett Wehlener Sonnenuhr: Very primary fruit aromas of pears and white peaches are found in the fabulous nose of this wine. Tick, plush, fresh and medium-bodied, this effort's extensive finish reveals a complex interplay between the flavors of lemongrass and sweet slate. **90 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Graacher Domprobst A.P. #0903: The aromatic quality of this wine is something to behold. Its red currant and floral scents penetrate the skull like a laser beam before blossoming into a magnificent bouquet of perfumes. Plush, yet detailed, its personality offers slate, pear and tangy minerals in a rich yet driven style. **93 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Graacher Domprobst A.P. #1203: Smoke, gunflint and minerals make up the aromatic profile of this wine. The grapes that produced this beauty were the last Schaeffer harvested in 2002 (on November 20th). Soft, silky-textured, and light to medium-bodied, it is a supple wine of magnificent elegance and grace. Spiced pears, white pepper and apples are found in its broad, nuanced personality. **94 Points**



SELBACH-OSTER (MOSEL)



2002 Riesling Auslese Bernkastler Badstube:** I loved the 2002 Riesling Auslese Bernkastler Badstube**. Its nose of red cherries, spices and botrytis explodes from the glass and is reminiscent of a cross between a Beerenauslese and an Eiswein. On the palate, it is jammy, thick, medium-bodied and crammed with cassis, assorted red fruits, ginger and copious spices. Its Eiswein-like finish is exceptionally long, bight and reveals traces of molasses intermingled with fresh herbs. **94 Points**

2002 Riesling Auslese Zeltinger Schlossberg: Flint-scented, it is a generous, lush, broad wine filled with ripe white peaches, raspberries and pears. Medium-bodied, satin-textured and long, it's an outstanding Auslese to drink over the next 25 years. **91 Points**

2002 Riesling Auslese Zeltinger Schlossberg*: Yeast and sulfur dominate the nose, but that trait will blow off in time. On the palate it is pure, satin-textured, plush and giving. It has impressive depth, loads of linden-laced white fruits, and a long silky finish. **90+ Points**

2002 Riesling Auslese Zeltinger Sonnenuhr: Honeyed minerals and slate can be discerned in the aromatics of this wine. A waxy wine with immense softness, it reveals a light to medium-bodied character filled with candied apples, white peaches, slate and spices. To pulp from super-ripe pears makes an appearance in its lofty, lengthy finish. **90 Points**

2002 Riesling Auslese Zeltinger Sonnenuhr*: Botrytis-laced aromas are found nose of the medium-bodied 2002 Riesling Auslese Zeltinger Sonnenuhr*. This highly concentrated, rich wine coats the taster's palate with oodles of pears, white peaches, minerals, orange blossoms and red berries. It is complex, harmonious and powerful. In addition, this beauty reveals a gorgeous, long and expressive finish. **94+ Points**

2002 Riesling Eiswein Bernkastler Badstube: Superb aromatics of spiced/herbal lemons and slate are found in the nose of this wine. A wine of awesome focus, purity and clarity, it explodes on the palate revealing precise kirsch and earth flavors. This crystalline offering is medium-bodied and supremely elegant. **94+ Points**

2002 Riesling Eiswein Zeltinger Himmelreich*: An awe-inspiring offering, this wine displays aromas of eerily reminiscent of a live lobster prior to being cooked. Scents of the sea and a certain earth sweetness lead to a thick, rich, deep and powerful core of red currants, tangy sugarcoated limes and loads of spices. This wine has magnificent purity, sublime concentration and massive length. It will most certainly earn an even higher score as it harmonizes with cellaring. **96+ Points**

2002 Riesling Kabinett Wehlener Sonnenuhr: More tightly knit, less flashy and sports a shorter finish. That being said, its verbena and spiced apples-scented nose is more complex. This light to medium-bodied efforts displays juicy lime, slate and mineral flavors in its character. **91 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Zeltinger Schlossberg*: While sulfur dominates the nose of this wine at first, with aeration spicy, creamed minerals and white flowers cam to the fore. A plush, pleasing, light to medium-bodied wine, it reveals soft layers of sweet apples and pears that are intermingled with thyme. As with the previous offering, this effort is harmonious and edge-free. **89 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese Zeltinger Sonnenuhr: Candied apples are intermingled with minerals in the crowd-pleasing 2002 Riesling Spätlese Zeltinger Sonnenuhr. A generous, soft wine, it reveals excellent depth to its velvety-textured core of pulp-laden fruit. Well-ripened pears and apples are found throughout its expansive character and appealing finish. **89 Points**



2002 Riesling Spätlese Zeltinger Sonnenuhr*: Pretty, sweet minerals are found in the aromatics of this wine. Armed with outstanding depth of fruit, this light to medium-bodied goose down-textured wine has a flavor profile composed of cotton candy, spice and pulp-laced pear. Its finish is exceptionally long, displaying additional waves of sweet white fruits. **91 Points**

WEINGUT J. & H. A. STRUB (RHEINHESSEN)



2002 Riesling Spätlese Niersteiner Paterberg:** Aromatically demure, this wine boasts a wonderfully soft texture, graceful elegance and copious qualities of apples as well as minerals. Light to medium-bodied, it is rich, lively and reveals a long, flavorful finish. **89+ Points**

WEINGUT WITTMANN (RHEINHESSEN)

2002 Albalonga Trockenbeerenauslese: Loads of passion fruits and spices explode from the glass of this wine. (This varietal is a cross between Sylvaner and Rieslaner, which is a cross between Riesling and Sylvaner). This huge, medium-bodied, powerfully expressive wine remains beautifully detailed and balanced. Peaches, apricots and tropical fruits dominate its rich personality and exceptionally long, lush finish. **93 Points**

2002 Riesling Spätlese: The lush, light to medium-bodied 2002 Riesling Spätlese offers powerful minerals and slate aromas. Pears, apples, and tangy limes are found in its well-fashioned, expressive core of fruit. This softly textured wine should be consumed over the next 6-7 years. **89 Points**



2002 Riesling Spätlese (Westhofener Morstein): The vineyard designation of the 2002 Riesling Spätlese (Westhofener Morstein) can only be found on its back label, rendering it difficult to differentiate it from Wittman's regular Spätlese bottling. Its deep nose reveals intense smoke and gunflint scents. Broad, plush and detailed, this is a complex, juicy, medium-bodied wine armed with a profound minerality that lingers in its outstanding finish. **92 Points**