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TOP 100

WINES

2021

100+ BEST WINES OF THE YEAR

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61 DR. LOOSEN RIESLING MOSEL INDUTIOMARUS EDITION MARKUS LÜPERTZ 1981 97 Pts.

A totally unique Mosel wine. A touch of wood in the nose, but there's also plenty of dried herbs and candied lemon peel. Then comes the huge surprise: although you can feel this wine is low in alcohol (10.5%) on the palate, it has the level of presence and structure of a modern riesling GG. The texture at the very long finish is unlike any riesling I can remember, at once creamy and velvety. This matured sur-lie in neutral oak for an incredible 27 years, but tastes as if it has many more years ahead of it! Very limited production. Drink or hold.

62 VON OETINGER RIESLING RHEINGAU HOHENRAIN GG 2020 98 Pts.

Wonderful nose of mirabelles, aromatic pears and dried herbs that's just beginning to open up. Ripe and powerful with staggering concentration. Super-flinty on the boldly structured palate, but none of this drama seems a jot too much. Massive wet-stone minerality at the finish. Very limited quantity. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

63 VON OTHEGRAVEN (GÜNTHER JAUCH) RIESLING MOSEL ALTENBERG AUSLESE 1976 98 Pts.

Lovely, super ripe peach and apricot nose with hints of candied orange and creme brulee. Stunning concentration and focus for a vintage that often moves in a heavy and oily direction. Then comes the enormously long, filigree finish that takes your breath away. From the last top vintage of this estate's first golden age. Drink or hold.

64 EGON MÜLLER-SCHARZHOF RIESLING MOSEL SCHARZHOFBERGER SPÄTLESE 2020 96 Pts.

Spring-blossom, honeysuckle and gardenia aromas pour from the glass of this Spätlese, which effortlessly marries mangosteen and passion-fruit ripeness with serious concentration and great finesse. Racy acidity drives the very long, precise finish. Drink or hold.

65 VOLLENWEIDER RIESLING MOSEL SCHIMBOCK 2019 98 Pts.

Maybe I'm amazed! This smells like a whole Indian-spice market and you could spend hours just studying the nose. But then you'd miss the enormously concentrated, wide-screen palate that has every bit as much to offer. And somehow the ultra long and intense finish is enveloping rather than overwhelming. Very limited production, due to the tiny yield of 10 hectoliters per hectare. Drink or hold.

66 DANIEL TWARDOWSKI SPÄTBURGUNDER MOSEL PINOT NOIX HOFBERG RÉSERVE 2019 97 Pts.

Smokey and earthy nose with lemon zest and paprika notes. Incredible interplay of dark minerality, concentrated fine tannins and delicate red-fruit character. Great brilliance at the very long finish. Almost supernatural vitality and fantastic aging potential. Drinkable now, but best from 2025.