

Riffel Riesling Rheinhessen Scharlachberg trocken 2015

Score

95

With its enveloping apricot and rose nose, enormous ripeness and considerable concentration, but bright acidity this is one of the top dry wines of the vintage in Rheinhessen. The very long finish is extremely polished. Should age like the excellent 2009 and be good for decades.

Riffel Riesling Rheinhessen Scharlachberg trocken 2016

Score

94

Still rather closed, yet this is a seriously concentrated wine in spite of the sleek body for a dry riesling of this stature (typical for this site). The finish is intensely mineral and long. Better from 2018.

Riffel Riesling Rheinhessen Binger Quarzit feinherb 2015

Score

93

Packed with ripe peach and apricot this is a rich and juicy riesling that's dry and fresh enough at the finish to go with lobster, yet the hint of sweetness makes it great for many East Asian spicy dishes, too. Drink now.

Riffel Silvaner Rheinhessen Scharlachberg trocken 2016

Score

92

A very serious, dry silvaner that is unusually elegant and minerally for the grape. The finish is long and stony. In spite of the concentration, this is just 12.5% alcohol. A very flexible food wine. Drink now.

Riffel Riesling Rheinhessen Binger Quarzit trocken 2016

Score

92

Flinty with delicate golden fruit aromas. A powerful and ripe dry riesling with a very mineral finish and the potential to develop for at least the next decade.

Riffel Riesling Rheinhessen Binger Quarzit trocken 2015

Score

92

I love the ripe peachy nose and the stunning combination of power and textural richness in this dry riesling. Drink now.

Riffel Riesling Rheinhessen Scharlachberg Auslese 2016

Score

92

A bold and lush wine at the front, before the mineral acidity whips through and gives it a clean, long finish. Drink now.

Riffel Weissburgunder Rheinhessen Binger Tonmergel trocken 2016

Score

91

Still slightly leesy, this has plenty of citrus and some spice, too. At once creamy and fresh this is a striking, dry pinot blanc with some real drive in spite of the moderate acidity. Drink now.

Riffel Silvaner Rheinhessen Binger Quarzit trocken 2016

Score

90

This has attractive mirabelle and summer meadow character. Moderately creamy with a hint of positive tannins supporting a moderately long finish. Drink now.

Riffel Grauburgunder Rheinhessen Binger Tonmergel trocken 2016

Score

90

Don't be put off by the hint of copper in the color because this is actually a classic dry pinot gris with floral honey and raisin bread character. If the finish was a little more lively or intense it would rate higher. Drink now.

Riffel Riesling Rheinhessen trocken 2016

Score

90

With its lemon, peach and pineapple notes, juicy mid-weight palate and rather long, crisp acidity, this is an impressive, dry "Estate Riesling". Drink now.

Riffel Riesling Rheinhessen feinherb 2016

Score

90

For an "Estate Riesling" this is a generous and rather succulent wine that has great balance thanks to the combination of a barely perceptible hint of grape sweetness and crisp, uplifting acidity. Drink now.