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For the top producers, 2022 is another fantastic vintage in Germany. Like last year, this was again a very challenging season, due to the mix of extreme heat and heavy rain at different times. Yet the end result surprised everyone, including the winemakers themselves. The best wines are elegant, vibrant and precise, everything you are looking for in great Riesling. In fact, many taste like they've come from a cool vintage with their low alcohols, expressive aromas and lively acidity.

"I had assumed 2022 – the sunniest summer since records have been kept – would result in yet another lush vintage in the bottle. Yet the wines tell an entirely different story. Inexplicably cool and light. Medium to low alcohol levels. Filigreed and fine. Mystifying even the most experienced winegrowers." – Jancis Robinson, Paula Sidore

Thankfully volumes for many of the wines are much better than last year, though production of Auslese and above was again minuscule. The style of the 2022s also means these wines are extremely delicious drinking already. Many writers reported that 'tasting' these wines slipped easily into 'drinking' them. There's no need to wait this year for huge enjoyment. Though of course those who enjoy the wonders of aged Riesling will also be well rewarded

You will see from the incredible scores and drinking windows, that despite inflation and our weak dollar, German Riesling is still one of the most under-priced fine wine categories on the planet. Especially when you consider winegrowers like Fritz Haag, Willi Schaefer and Dönnhoff are working entirely by hand, farming some of the steepest vineyard sites in the world. The finest of these being the Erste Lage (Premier Cru) and Grosses Gewächs (Grand Cru).

You will also find the new releases from Hiedler, one of the finest producers in Austria. This year we have a few more wines, including their Weissburgunder (Pinot Blanc), I ÖTW (Premier Cru) and Maximum Grüner Veltliners. Don't miss these incredible wines. We are extremely proud to represent these stunning estates here in New Zealand.

- John Caro & Regan McCaffery



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2022 VINTAGE REPORT

“Germany’s newest vintage, 2022, was full of delightful surprises. The best wines are elegant, vibrant and precise. In fact, many wines taste very cool climate with low alcohol, effusive aromas and bright acidity. Every producer our senior editor Stuart Pigott visited, admitted to having been more or less skeptical about the quality during the harvest, but all were amazed that the wines turned out this way after the hot and dry months of July and August, then quite a rainy harvest period in September and October. The best 2022 German white wines impress in spite of these conditions and the challenges they created.

It’s difficult to pick out just one wine that says everything about the positive side of 2022, but the very high ratings for the super-refined Dönnhoff Riesling Nahe Dellchen GG 2022 and the much more structured and compact Dönnhoff Riesling Nahe Hermannshöhle GG 2022 speak volumes for what was possible. “We were amazed that the mature and old vines didn’t suffer much from the drought,” Helmut Dönnhoff said. The same can be said for vineyards with excellent long-term soil management, since that clearly enabled soils to retain more moisture when that really counted.

Stuart’s impressions of the 2022 vintage in the Mosel region of Germany were fully confirmed when he returned last week for the second of his three trips there. Unusually, this region, which majors in a handful of different wine styles, shines brightly in two of them simultaneously. Let’s start with riesling Kabinett, which was already a well-established style of the Mosel at the beginning of the 1980s. Back then, this light-bodied, aromatic and crisp off-dry style was ideally suited to the very cool climate of the region. The challenge in making Mosel Kabinett wines was, and remains, to balance a vibrant acidity with just enough unfermented grape sweetness to accentuate the aromas and to create an exciting tension. You should feel that hint of sweetness on the front palate, but the finish should come over as dry.

When climate change arrived, ripeness levels moved up and acidity levels moved down, making it more difficult to keep the lightness and brightness this style demands. The new theory of Mosel Kabinett says that the style works best in vintages with high analytical acidity levels, such as 2021. In 2022 the acidity content is analytically moderate. However, it feels dangerously fresh. This is because the pH levels – the best measure of the intensity of acidity – are low in the 2022 vintage, meaning that the acidity feels intense. Two of the greatest examples are the staggeringly good Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett’s from Willi Schaefer. The auction wine getting a perfect score.

The other category with many high points is dry riesling, which is much newer; the whole category having been developed from scratch over the last decades. Many of the best of these wines are designated as GGs. The dry rieslings of the Mosel have developed incredibly over the last years, and this is now where the focus lies for many producers. Though nevertheless they will continue to make riesling Spatlese and Auslese – the sweet and juicy styles which were the region’s main strength back in the 1980s and 1990s.”

- James Suckling wine ratings



FRITZ HAAG

WEINGUT FRITZ HAAG

Fritz Haag Brauneberg 'J' Riesling Trocken 2022 - \$44.99

"Deep nose of pear, sage and spice. Generous and crisp with plenty of structure on the medium-bodied palate. Quite some herbal and wet stone complexity at the long cool finish. This replaces the dry Brauneberger Riesling and is a cuvee of 80% Juffer, plus small quantities from the steep Juffer-Sonnenuhr and Klostergarten sites. Drink or hold."

93/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

Fritz Haag Monzeler Kätzchen Grosses Gewächs Riesling Trocken 2022 - \$64.99

"Wonderfully spicy and ethereal nose with plenty of white tree fruit aromas. Good substance and well-integrated structure on the medium-bodied palate. The spring-like freshness keeps this light on its feet through the long elegant finish. Drink or hold."

94/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

Fritz Haag Juffer Grosses Gewächs Riesling Trocken 2022 - \$64.99

"Full crisp pear fruit with underlying earthy and herbal complexity that expands as this aerates in the glass. Very well structured for the 2022 vintage, fine tannins supporting the long, precise finish. Good aging potential, but already exciting. Drink or hold."

94/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

Fritz Haag Kestener Paulinshofberg Grose Gewächs Riesling Trocken 2022 - \$69.99

"Wonderfully fine floral nose with a note that reminds me of a garden after summer rain. Ripe and generous, but also graceful and silky, this is a stunning 2022 Mosel GG. Fascinating red berry and oolong tea character at the long precise finish. Drink or hold."

94/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Grosses Gewächs Riesling Trocken 2022 - \$84.99

"At once deep and charming this remarkable Mosel GG marries honeysuckle, vanilla bean and fresh herbal aromas with impressive structure and racy acidity on the extremely focused, sleek palate. What an exciting brilliance this has at the long laser beam straight finish. Drink or hold."

95/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott



Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Kabinett #03 2022 - \$39.99

"Wonderful nose of cassis and flint with floral and baking spice nuances. Very clean and racy with so much drive and energy on the sleek and focused palate. Fantastic wet stone freshness at the long, super-clean finish.

Drink or hold. Screw cap."

93/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese #7 2022 - \$54.99

"This has the floral and vanilla bean aromas we associate with this great site for riesling Spätlese wines. Wonderfully vibrant and slatey acidity. Excellent balance, the sweetness easily harmonized by the Amalfi lemon freshness at the very clean, long finish. Drink or hold."

94/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese #6 2021 - \$74.99

"Super-floral and super-fine with a mountain stream freshness balancing the delicately tropical fruit, the floral honey sweetness underlying all this beautifully. Very long filigree finish with so much spicy subtlety.

Very good aging potential. Drink or hold."

95/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott



Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese Goldkapsel #9 2022 (375ml) - \$74.99

"The interplay of concentrated exotic fruit aromas (what a wide spectrum of them there are!) and the cool wet stone minerality of this succulent Auslese is a beauty to behold. Stunning vitality at the uplifting finish although the acidity is not high in the Mosel context. This has great potential, but you could certainly drink it right away

if you want maximum freshness. Drink or hold."

97/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott





WEINGUT WILLI SCHAEFER

"The 2022s from Willi Schaefer's Domprobst and Himmelreich are once again uniquely delicately elegant, deep, juicy and lasting Rieslings, even though this year the number is once again limited and no Auslese was produced. This wasn't possible due to the rain during the harvest, at least not here in Graach, not here at Schaefer; not in the desired, i.e., exceptional quality. But the Spätlesen compensate as well as the Kabinett, which are both on par and only differ in character. The Domprobst is always more hesitant than the Himmelreich, but it's also deeper, cooler, more mystical. The talents of the bright and shining Himmelreich are best expressed by the Spätlese, which is ravishingly sensual, juicy and balanced, in a word: irresistible, and certainly a highlight of the vintage. At the end of the memorable tasting, which finished in a lunch with a terrifically lush and generous but elegant and weightless Himmelreich Kabinett from the 1997 vintage, Christoph Schaefer poured his 2018 Trockenbeerenauslese from the Domprobst for the very first time. He himself didn't try it for years and so far has never sold it. It won't be cheap, but as long as you have some 2022 Schaefer's in your cellar and still have a budget, I wouldn't miss the TBA. But will you be able to enjoy it in 30 or 50 years? If not, you should instead double the number of bottles of Schaefer's 2022s."

-Parkers Wine Advocate, Stephan Reinhardt

Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett #3 2022 - \$59.99

"The staggering nose of fresh pineapple invites you to a voyage to the tropics with their rich colors and lush vegetation. Then comes the no less amazing palate which is simultaneously extraordinary in concentration yet miraculously feather light. Great citrusy freshness, but it's impossible to say which citrus fruit it is because it seems to flicker from Amalfi lemon to bergamot and then to pomelo, and on and on. Almost endless finish with the merest hint of unfermented grape sweetness. Drink or hold."

98/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

Willi Schaefer Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spatlese #8 2022 - \$69.99

"Lovely nose of white peach with just a whisker of caramel. Also a wealth of white flowers. Simultaneously succulent and super-elegant thanks to the thread of slatey minerality that runs through this sensual beauty. The considerable power is so impeccably underplayed that you barely feel it. Very long, pristine finish. Drink or hold."

96/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

"Sourced in the same parcel as the legendary 1976 Auslese and picked rather early, the 2022 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spätlese opens with a clear, precise and elegant nose of white fruits and flinty notes of coolish crushed slate. Intense and lush on the palate, this is mouth-filling and charming, very long and mineral/saline Spätlese that doesn't show exceptionally high acidity but a ripe one that is completely interwoven with the mineral/phenolic structure. This is a hedonistically juicy but weightless and finessed, stimulating and saline Spätlese from the Himmelreich, which didn't produce an Auslese in 2022. All the fully ripe and golden berries went into the Spätlese.

7.5% stated alcohol. Drink 2028-2060"

96/100 Parkers Wine Advocate, Stephan Reinhardt



Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spatlese #5 2022 - \$89.99

"The astonishing precision of the exotic ripeness and enveloping floral aromas make this extremely concentrated 2022 Mosel Spätlese stand head and shoulders above the majority of the vintage. Then comes the fabulous wet stone freshness that drives the extremely long and totally cool finish. Great aging potential. Drink or hold."

97/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

"The 2022 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #5 is the only one next to the Domprobst Spätlese reserved for the auction (AP 13), so the more classic AP 10 wasn't been produced in 2022. The AP 5 Domprobst offers a very bright, clear, flinty and aristocratic nose that is still discreet and quite citric but most of all coolish and stony. On the palate, the wine becomes immediately hedonistic; it is round but refined and elegant, with great balance and a mouth-tickling, saline, crystalline and salivating finish. This is the Spätlese to be cellared, whereas the Himmelreich is already so seductive that it will be hard to forget it for a couple of years.

The Domprobst is a classic that will surely improve with more bottle age. 7.5% stated alcohol. Drink 2030-2060"

96/100 Parkers Wine Advocate, Stephan Reinhardt



WEINGUT DÖNNHOFF

Dönnhoff Riesling Kreuznacher Kahlenberg Erste Lage Trocken 2022 - \$64.99

"Very old vineyards on a hillside, 500 meters away from the river. Gravel and quartzite with light porphyry content. Kreuznach ripens a little earlier than the middle Nahe, about a week earlier. For a bone-dry riesling this has a stunning juiciness that is hard to resist. The spot-on balance of fruit, moderate alcohol and lively acidity makes you want to dance for joy! Wide spectrum of stone and citrus fruits. Then comes the very long and elegant finish that pulls you back for more. Drink or hold."

94/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

94-96/100 Heiner Lobenberg

Dönnhoff Riesling Roxheimer Höllenspfad Erste Lage Trocken 2022 - \$64.99

"Fine, red sandstone on a very steep southern slope, further from the river. Very old vines. Very striking nose of wild berries and herbs (tarragon!) plus some white peach. Very zesty and vibrant with stacks of mountain freshness on the sleek and focused body, this has stacks of lime zest and pith at the very energetic dry finish. Drink or hold."

94/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

96/100 Heiner Lobenberg

Dönnhoff Riesling Felsenberg Felsentürmchen Grosses Gewächs Trocken 2022 - \$120.00

"Dönnhoff calls it after its designation "felsen turret" and this turret is actually in the middle of the vineyard. But of course, the official location is Felsenberg. The ground is puristic, rocky, volcanic, hard with weathering and up to 60% incline. Orientation South, Southwest. There is only about 35 hl/ha yield. The average age of the vine is just under 40 years. Ripe and concentrated, but also quite austere with stacks of spice and grapefruit character; everything from the juice to the pith and zest! A seriously dry riesling, but with moderate acidity. Long crushed rock finish."

95/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

97-98/100 Heiner Lobenberg



Dönnhoff Riesling Höllenspfad im Mühlentberg Grosses Gewächs Trocken 2022 - \$120.00

"This monopole site has a total of four hectares, but this GG comes from only one hectare of the oldest vines. The location basically consists of red sandstone, but there is also this section from which this GG comes, where a lot of pure rock plays a part. What a dramatic wine this is, at once ripe and austere, super-stony and super-herbal with a touch of peppermint. Compact core in spite of the sleek and very focused body. Electric freshness at the vibrant finish although the acidity is anything but dominant. Drink or hold."

97/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

97-98/100 Heiner Lobenberg

Dönnhoff Riesling Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle Grosses Gewächs Trocken 2022 - \$145.00

"The restrained beauty of the peachiness in the nose is hard to describe, but easy to be overwhelmed by! On the compact palate this has staggering concentration yet still manages to be very light on its feet. The finish is blade-runner sharp, but the blade also flashes in the sun. Breathtaking drive and energy for the very warm and dry vintage. Then comes the remarkable wet-stone minerality and you can't wait for the next sip. Drink or hold."

99/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

98-100/100 Heiner Lobenberg

Dönnhoff Riesling Dellchen Grosses Gewächs Trocken 2022 - \$145.00

"The Dellchen stands on gray slate with porphyry. A large depression with a terrace and amphitheater character. Due to erosion, there is a rocky, crumbly and dark-sandy crumbly layer on the slate. That's why Dellchen is a bit more powerful than the other GGs at Dönnhoff. For Cornelius, the Dellchen is the antithesis of Felsenberg. What an exquisite stone fruit nose this super-fine and filigree dry riesling has! Yes, it is also very concentrated, but this and the power are completely underplayed. The result is an almost weightless palate that hangs like a white cloud in the still air. Extraordinary purity and precision at the almost endless finish. Drink or hold.

98/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

97-99/100 Heiner Lobenberg



Dönnhoff Riesling Oberhäuser Leistenberg Kabinett 2022 - \$49.99

"Stand back as this riesling lightning strike arrives. Complex nose of dried flowers and summer meadows. Ripe and juicy, but also very elegant and crisp with stunning mineral freshness at the very long pointed finish. Delicious, but also excellent potential. All the Dönnhoff wines tasted are from organically grown grapes with Fair'n Green certification. Drink or hold!"

94/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

95-96+/100 Heiner Lobenberg

Dönnhoff Riesling Oberhäuser Brücke Spätlese 2022 - \$79.99

"A Monopol for Dönnhoff. The Spätlese comes from green-yellow berries that still retain this strong acid structure. Cornelius is primarily concerned with maximum freshness with physiological ripeness. The grapes must still have vigour. Brücke is not on a steep slope, so the exposure is lower; and also close to the river; it cools down here at night, the acidity remains higher. A great Spätlese that has deep apricot and mandarin orange fruit with delicate mint and tarragon aromas. Staggering vitality and brilliance on the extremely focused and precise palate. Enormous wet stone character at the super-long finish. Drink or hold!"

97/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

98+/100 Heiner Lobenberg



Dönnhoff Riesling Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle Spätlese 2022 - \$89.99

"The Spätlese is harvested from the fringes of the Hermannshöhle, which stretches around the Nahe. Comes from the eastern and western exposed parts, which have higher acidity and more play that is needed for the residual sweetness. This starts very quietly and gently with a wafting cloud of floral aromas, but then your gaze is pulled into the base of this Gothic cathedral window, pulling you ever further upward until you are staring at the heavens. Supernatural energy and vitality, the wet stone character cascading over your palate at the super-long finish. Doesn't want to stop! Drink or hold"

98/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

97+/100 Heiner Lobenberg

Dönnhoff Riesling Oberhäuser Brücke Auslese 2022 (375ml) – \$79.99

"Wonderful nose of exotic fruits and flowers. More than enough concentration, but what makes this stand out is the interplay of ripeness - floral honey as much as very ripe citrus - with a vibrant acidity that lights up the sky. Dazzling, diamond-bright finish! Drink or hold.

97/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

97-99/100 Heiner Lobenberg

Dönnhoff Riesling Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle Auslese 2022 (375ml) – \$89.99

"What a nose of floral honey and dried flowers this fabulous Auslese has. In spite of the abundant richness what makes this stand out is the invigorating mineral freshness. And the further back the wine rolls over your palate the more amazing it becomes. Enormous aging potential. Drink or hold."

97/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

97-100/100 Heiner Lobenberg



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WEINGUT HIEDLER – (AUSTRIA)

Hiedler Riesling Langenloiser Kamptal Urgestein 2022 - \$39.99

Every wine producing village is unique in terms of location, geology and wine culture. The Ortswein (Village Wine) tradition is centuries old and reflects this geological, microclimatic and cultural spectrum. The historic town of Langenlois is the center of the Kamptal appellation. Their Riesling vines grow on the terraced slopes northwest of the town, an area completely formed of metamorphic and crystalline rock soils. This elegant Riesling, bottled after over 6 months of ageing on the lees, is characterized by a fine stonefruit aroma and juicy minerality, which unmistakably reflect its origin and the character of the people who live there.

Citrus-fresh scent, tangerines, some peach and pineapple, a little bit exotic; extraordinarily juicy and clear on the palate, peach, yellow cherries, lemongrass, mouth-filling and refreshing, extremely quaffable Riesling!

Ageing potential 7 years +

Hiedler Weissburgunder Langenloiser Kalksand 2022 - \$39.99

The Weißburgunder (Pinot Blanc) has a long tradition on the Hiedler estate. Dr. Bruno Hiedler was the first winegrower to cultivate the variety in the Danube area in 1955 - a time when low-yielding, small-berried varieties were anything but 'en vogue. Since then, it has been deeply rooted in their soils and history. This balanced and elegant Weißburgunder of old vine-genetics, grows on calcareous and partly sandy loess soils. They impart a calm fruit and a delicate nutty aroma. This sees slow fermentation in both stainless-steel and oak barrels. Beautiful scent of figs and roasted almonds, linden blossom, a bit of mandarin, lemon coming through from the background; smooth texture, juicy and delicately fruity, elegant, orange cake, again lemon, a nutty aroma remains on the palate, long finish. Ageing potential 7 years +

Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Löss 2022 - \$29.99

Grüner Veltliner Löss forms the basis of Hiedler's portfolio. It is sourced from vines growing on the eponymous loess soils. They have been formed over the millennia. We are talking about mineral dust of weathered alpine rocks, crushed under the weight of ice age glaciers. Enormous storms have deposited this dust, in various mineral compositions of lime, dolomite, quartz, mica and clays, along the Danube and its tributary valleys. The mineral-rich and porous soil characterizes the typical bright fruit and fine spice of this Veltliner. A very versatile food wine.

Ageing potential 3 years +



Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Langenloiser Kamptal Tonmineral 2022 - \$36.99

This Ortswein is from the historic town of Langenlois, the center of the Kamptal appellation. The vines predominantly grow on limy, partly clayey, loess and loam soils, which cover an area stretching from the southeast of Langenlois to the higher elevated western plateau. "Tonmineral" describes the mineral-rich clay, loess & sand soils, on which the vines are growing. Citrusy nose, pink grapefruit, ripe blood orange, some yellow fruit, fennel, meadow herbs, distinct mineral notes; on the palate harmonious and delicately fruity, ripe acidity, gentle grip, juicy and extremely quaffable. A great allrounder as a food companion. Ageing potential 5-8 years +

Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Ried Thal 2022 - \$44.99

'Ried' is the Austrian term for a single vineyard, it has the same meaning as 'Lage' in Germany. The Thal vineyard has a special value to Hiedler as it is inextricably linked to the history of the estate. It is their oldest and most traditional vineyard, where the family cultivated their first vines in 1856. Ludwig I. planted one of the earliest single-varietal Grüner Veltliner vineyards in Thal in 1936.

These 80+-year old vines date back to a time when yield was not the prime concern of vintners: narrow-shouldered grapes, rather loose-berried, with a distinct herbal and very 'down-to-earth' taste. They grow on a broadly terraced slope in the south of Langenlois, composed of quartz-sand and bright, calcareous loess. The wine expresses the bright side of Grüner Veltliner: Attractive scent of honeydew melons, green mangoes, white flowers, also showing some cool and spicy aspects, pink pepper berries; more citrus fruit on the palate, grippy with sandy-calcareous minerality, a hint of sage, great substance, long and smooth finish.

Ageing potential 10 years +



Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Ried Kittmannsberg IÖTW 2021 - \$54.99

IÖTW is the Austrian designation for Premier Cru, the equivalent of Erste Lage in Germany. Kittmannsberg is part of a distinctive plateau, which rises in the west of Langenlois and reaches up to 365 m above sea level. One of the highest elevated vineyard sites in the Kamptal. It has a characteristic bowl-shaped topographic depression in which an autonomous microclimate is formed, favouring long ripening periods and thus a late harvest. Here there are traces of a past, shallow sea. The mineral-rich soil is formed of calcareous clays, loess and loam. Fermented in acacia cask and matured for several months in cask on the lees. The cru lends this Veltliner great scent of white flowers, yellow melons & apples, some mango, black tea, red pepper; also some forest-honey; broad and mellow on the palate, yellow fruits, rich in extract, subtle fruit-sweetness, also some bready components, delicate herbal spiciness and a silky-mineral texture. Beautiful and elegant finish. Ageing potential 15 years +

Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Ried Käferberg IÖTW 2021 - \$79.99

Käferberg is one of the most significant crus in Kamptal. Within a small area one can find crystalline rocks alternating with with clayey sea sediments (clay marl) and rare gravels that were deposited in the ancient Paratethys sea millions of years ago and are stacked on top of the rocks of the Bohemian geological formation. The vines grow at around 325 m above sea level, on two terraces on the south-east flank of the site, where some loess has also been deposited over the past millennia. On this soil the small grapes of these almost 85 years old vines reach exceptional density and concentration. Fermented and matured in 500 Liter oak barrels. The saline and mineral freshness form an exciting contrast. Expressive and deep nose that spans a wide arc: ranges from black bread and roasted walnuts to cherry plums, plus quinces and Williams pears, thyme is also involved; dense and aromatic on the palate, rich in extract but never opulent, packed with yellow fruits, loquat, some barrel spice from 16 months in small oak, Burgundian vibe, everything backed by salty notes, of dancing elegance, super-long finish.

Ageing potential 17 years +

Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Maximum 2020 - \$79.99

Many decades of growth have shaped vines of mighty, gnarly stature. They are deeply rooted in the loess and the metamorphic rock of Hiedler's historic terraced vineyards. Maximum is sourced from a selection of these low-yielding old vines from 50 – 85 years. Only the most valuable grapes of each vintage remain on the vine during the main picking season and are harvested very late, once they have reached their beautifully golden ripeness and full flavor potential. Before bottling, the wine spends at least two full winters on the lees. The result is a dense and mouth-filling Veltliner, bearing the unmistakable Hiedler signature. The grapes were selectively harvested by hand in various parts during late October and early November. Destemmed, slightly crushed and macerated for several hours. Gently pressed with low pressure. Fermented in big acacia cask and matured on the lees for over two winters. Bottled at high atmospheric pressure during the waxing moon in September 2022. Complex and calm, orange zest, yellow grapes, tree blossoms, then dark flavoured tobacco, chalky and smoky background; elegant and juicy on the palate, dense, with bundled fruit and deep spiciness that spreads all over the palate, great extract, delicately salty minerality in the finish, long-lasting! Ageing potential 18 years +

