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Best of Riesling 2019: Meininger Verlag selects the top 125 Rieslings of the year

Meininger Verlag and the viticulture minister of Rhineland-Palatinate, Dr Volker Wissing, today honoured 125 national and international vineyards for their finest Rieslings. A total of 2,445 wines from 14 countries were entered in the world’s largest Riesling competition.

Once again, this year, the Best of Riesling proved to be a top-class event. Eight categories of Rieslings, ranging from dry to sweet, were evaluated in eight preliminary rounds of tasting. The best 500 wines were then tasted and evaluated by an international jury of experts in two final rounds, with 125 making it into the best of the best.

Patron Dr Volker Wissing, deputy minister-president of Rhineland-Palatinate and minister for economic affairs, transport, agriculture and viticulture, congratulated the winners at the awards ceremony held today at Meininger Verlag in Neustadt an der Weinstrasse.

‘This year, we were once again highly impressed by the quality of the Rieslings submitted, which covered a wide range of styles even at such a high level. It was often a very close decision when it came to choosing the final winners,’ says Ilka Lindemann, editor-in-chief of Meiningers Weinwelt, in summary.

Alongside the winners of the eight categories, special awards are also given for ‘Best Dry Steep Slope Riesling’, ‘Best Dry European Riesling’ and ‘Best Dry Riesling in Food Retailers’.

The majority of the Rieslings in this year’s competition originated from German wine regions, led by the Palatinate, Rheinhessen, Mosel, Rheingau, Württemberg, Nahe and Franconia. The competition also featured international Rieslings, including not only wines from France, Austria and Luxembourg, but also from other continents, such as Australia and South America.

The winners and the top 125 will be presented in the July issue of Meiningers Weinwelt. All award-winning Rieslings can now be found on MEININGER ONLINE at www.best-of-riesling.com.
Best of Riesling 2019 winners

Category I – Dry Riesling (with moderate alcohol content)

1. Platz: 2018 Forst Riesling VDP. Ortswein trocken
   Weingut Geheimer Rat Dr. von Bassermann-Jordan, Pfalz

2. Platz: 2017 Master Riesling trocken
   Weingut Studier, Pfalz

3. Platz: 2018 Dreiviertel Riesling trocken
   Weingut Valentin Haupt, Rheingau

Category II – Dry single-vineyard Riesling (with moderate alcohol content)

1. Platz: 2017 Erbach Marcobrunn Riesling GG VDP. GROSSE LAGE trocken
   Hessische Staatsweingüter Kloster Eberbach, Rheingau

2. Platz: 2018 Minheim Rosenberg Riesling trocken
   Weingut Koenen, Mosel

3. Platz: 2016 Gleisweiler Hölle Riesling trocken
   Weingut Familie Sauer, Pfalz

Category III – Dry Riesling

1. Platz: 2018 Riesling Alte Reben trocken
   Weingut Deutschherrenhof Albert Oberbillig, Mosel

2. Platz: 2018 Nierstein Riesling Rotliegend trocken
   Weingut Fischborn Bergeshof, Rheinhessen

3. Platz: 2017 Dorsheim Riesling VDP. ORTSWEIN trocken
   Weingut Joh. Bapt. Schäfer, Nahe

Category IV – Dry single-vineyard Riesling

1. Platz: 2017 Kindenheim Burgweg Riesling trocken
   Weingut Neiss, Pfalz
2. Platz: 2017 Stetten Pulvermächer Riesling GG VDP.GROSSE LAGE trocken
Weingut Karl Haidle, Württemberg

3. Platz: 2017 Ungstein Weilberg Riesling GG VDP.GROSSE LAGE trocken
Weingut Rings Inh. Steffen und Andreas Rings, Pfalz

**Category V – Medium-dry/off-dry Riesling**

1. Platz: 2018 SOLIS MONS Zell Nußberg Riesling feinherb
Weingut BREMM-Keltenhof Lothar & Marco Bremm, Mosel

2. Platz: 2018 Bopparder Hamm Ohlenberg Riesling Spätlese feinherb
Weingut Weingart, Mittelrhein

3. Platz: 2017 Terra-V. Terrassen Riesling feinherb
Weingut Richard Richter, Mosel

**Category VI – Semi-sweet Riesling**

1. Platz: 2017 Elsheim Blume Riesling Spätlese
Weingut Braunewell, Rheinhessen

2. Platz: 2017 Rüdesheim Berg Rottland Riesling Spätlese VDP.GROSSE LAGE
Weingut Fritz Allendorf, Rheingau

3. Platz: 2018 Kinheim Rosenberg Riesling Spätlese KITZ
Weingut Roth, Mosel

**Category VII – Sweet Riesling**

1. Platz: 2017 Escherndorf Lump Riesling TBA VDP.ERSTE LAGE
Weingut Horst Sauer, Franken

2. Platz: 2018 Forst Pechstein Riesling BA VDP.GROSSE LAGE
Weingut Geheimer Rat Dr. von Bassermann-Jordan, Pfalz

3. Platz: 2018 Kindenheim Burgweg Riesling TBA
Weingut Neiss, Pfalz
Category VIII – Matured Riesling (2011 vintage or older)

1. Platz: 1999 Zöbingen Ried Heiligenstein Riesling Kamptal DAC trocken
Johann Topf, Niederösterreich

1. Platz: Erbach Michelmark Riesling BA
Weingut Jakob Jung, Rheingau

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Special awards

Best Dry European Riesling

2015 Ried Setzberg Riesling Smaragd Wachau trocken
Weingut Roman Gritsch, Niederösterreich

Best Dry Steep Slope Riesling

2017 Bönnigheim Steingrüben Riesling GG VDP.GROSSE LAGE trocken
Weingut Dautel, Württemberg

Best Dry Riesling in Food Retailers

2018 Edition Gourmet Riesling trocken
Württembergische Weingärtner-Zentralgenossenschaft e.G., Württemberg

About Best of Riesling

The international Best of Riesling competition was launched in 2005 by the agriculture ministry of Rhineland-Palatinate and was held every two years until 2011. MEININGER VERLAG, which specialises in wine publications and tastings, now holds what has become the world’s largest Riesling competition every year. Best of Riesling is held under the patronage of the agriculture ministry of Rhineland-Palatinate.

About the MEININGER VERLAG:

The publishing company Meininger Verlag was established in Neustadt an der Weinstraße in 1903. One of Germany’s oldest specialist publishing companies, it is now being run in the fourth generation of the family by Andrea Meininger-Apfel and Christoph Meininger. In particular, the company specialises in the wine and beverage sector, with its wine portfolio making it the European market leader. Alongside well-known journals, the company also organises trade fairs, industry events and
Meininger has successfully made a name for itself internationally with the Grand International Wine Award MUNDUS VINI. Furthermore, the media company also stages numerous wine competitions, such as the Meininger’s Deutscher Sektpreis and Meininger’s Rotweinpreis.

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