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Rieslings of the Year awarded / Collection of the Year comes from Rheingau

During a festive award ceremony, the best Rieslings of this year's competition were honoured. Patroness Minister Daniela Schmitt personally congratulates the winemakers.

Once again, this June the Meininger Verlag focused on the most important grape variety, the Riesling. In exciting and discussion-rich tasting rounds, the winners were chosen in a total of eight categories. Nearly 2,000 wines were evaluated sensorially, qualitatively and based on the well-known and recognised 100-point scheme.

On a total of nine tasting days, the Rieslings were intensively tasted, evaluated and the best were awarded in the final round. As usual, the wines were judged in a blind tasting by an expert jury of oenologists, specialist retailers, sommeliers and journalists who are very familiar with the diversity of Riesling.

In 2022, exciting discoveries can once again be found on the winners' list alongside well-known Riesling wineries. A total of 142 Rieslings were awarded 91 and more points in the competition, with eleven Rieslings achieving the top score of 94 points.

This year, 1st place in the respective category goes to Weingut Odinstal (Pfalz, a BASF Exclusive bottling), Weingut Bott from the Rheingau, Weingut Raddeck from Rheinhessen, Weingut Schloss Vollrads (Rheingau), Weingut Kernlinghof from the Pfalz, Weingut Weingart (Mittelrhein), Weingut Juliusspital (Franconia) as well as the two wineries Laueremann & Weyer and Weingut Geheimer Rat Dr. von Bassermann-Jordan (both Pfalz).

Special awards goes to Weingärtner Clebronn-Güglingen (Best Dry Riesling in Food Retail), Weingut Dautel (Best Riesling dry from a steep slope), Weingut Loimer (Best Dry Riesling from Europe) and Wakefield St Andrews/Taylor's Wines (Best Dry Riesling from Overseas).

The Riesling Collection of the Year goes to VDP winery Schloss Vollrads from the Rheingau. In addition to the 1st place for the 2020 Schlossberg Riesling Grosses Gewächs (94 points), the team around Ralf Bengel achieved further top ratings for the 2018 Riesling Beerenauslese (92 points), the 2021 Winkel Riesling Spätlese (91 points) as well as the 2021 Winkel Riesling trocken (88 points) and thus achieved the best overall result of all participating wineries.

The 2021 vintage leads the list of most awards, here the consistently high qualities were recognised in the competition. The very good qualities that were already awarded to the 2020 vintage last year are now very apparent after the wines have been able to develop even further in the bottle.

The oldest awarded wines are from the vintages 2003, 2007 as well as 2010 and 2011. The most successful German wine-growing region this year is the Pfalz with 340 award-winning wines, followed by Rheinhessen and Mosel (185 each), Rheingau (92), Nahe (87), Württemberg



(85), as well as Franconia (53) and the Mittelrhein (41). Rieslings from Baden, Saxony, Saale-Unstrut and the Hessische Bergstrasse were also among the award-winning wines.

Internationally, Rieslings from Austria (51), France (40), the Czech Republic (12) as well as from Australia, Croatia, Moldova, Romania, Slovenia and the USA were able to place.

After the awards ceremony had been held exclusively digitally in the past two years, the award winners were once again traditionally invited to the Vinicombe of Meininger Verlag in Neustadt/Germany. The patron of the competition, Mrs Daniela Schmitt, Minister for Economy, Transport, Agriculture and Viticulture of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate personally addressed her warm congratulations to the wineries present.

The certificates were personally presented to the winemakers by Ilka Lindemann, Editor-in-Chief Meiningers Weinwelt, Alexandra Wrann, Editor-in-Chief Weinwirtschaft, Karin Eymael, Editor-in-Chief Der Deutsche Weinbau, as well as Christoph Nicklas, Editor Meiningers Sommelier, and Christian Wolf, Tasting Manager Meininger Verlag.

Organiser Christoph Meininger expressed his heartfelt thanks in his speech: "I am so happy to finally see the people behind these great Rieslings again as well, to taste the wines with them, to exchange ideas in person and face to face again. I don't know any industry that lives more from this exchange and from this emotion. Thank you so much for being here."

The winners of the eight categories as well as a top 100 will be presented by Meiningers Weinwelt in its July issue.

All award-winning Rieslings as well as further information on Best of Riesling can be found at: <https://www.meininger.de/en/wein/verkostungen/ergebnisse/best-riesling-2022>

Best of Riesling 2022 winners

Category I – Dry Riesling (with moderate alcohol content)

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| 1st place | 2020 Weitblick Riesling trocken BASF Exklusiv
Weingut Odinstal (Pfalz, exclusively through Weinkeller der BASF) |
| 2nd place | 2021 Dexheimer Riesling Kalkstein trocken
Weingut Fischborn Bergeshof, Dexheim (Rheinhessen) |
| 3rd place | 2021 Riesling trocken vom Buntsandstein
Weingut Borell Diehl, Hainfeld (Pfalz) |
| 3rd place | 2021 Riesling Unum trocken
Weingut Blaul und Sohn, Gönnheim (Pfalz) |



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

- 1st place** 2020 Kostheimer St. Kiliansberg Riesling trocken Rheingau Grosses Gewächs Weingut Bott, Bischofsheim (Rheingau)
- 2nd place** 2020 Besigheimer Wurmberg Riesling VDP.ERSTE LAGE® trocken Weingut Dautel, Bönningheim (Württemberg)
- 3rd place** 2017 Ungsteiner Herrenberg Riesling Kabinett Réserve trocken Weingut Isegrim, Bad Dürkheim (Pfalz)

Category III – Dry Riesling

- 1st place** 2020 Riesling Alte Reben trocken Weingut Raddeck, Nierstein (Rheinhessen)
- 2nd place** 2021 Riesling Bienenglück trocken Bioland Weingut Neuspergerhof Inh. Jochen Gradolph, Rohrbach (Pfalz)
- 3rd place** 2021 Kreuznacher Riesling Kalkmerkel trocken Weingut Fischborn Bergeshof, Dexheim (Nahe)

Category IV – Dry single-vineyard Riesling

- 1st place** 2020 SCHLOSSBERG Riesling GG VDP.GROSSE LAGE® trocken Weingutsverwaltung Schloss Vollrads, Oestrich-Winkel (Rheingau)
- 2nd place** 2019 Stettener Pulvermächer Riesling GG VDP.GROSSE LAGE® trocken Weingut Karl Haidle, Kernen (Württemberg)
- 3rd place** 2019 Kallstadter Saumagen Riesling trocken Oliver Zeter, Neustadt-Hardt (Pfalz)

Category V – Medium-dry/off-dry Riesling

- 1st place** 2021 Riesling feinherb Weingut Kernlinghof Ludwig & Philip Hochdörffer, Landau - Nußdorf (Pfalz)
- 2nd place** 2020 Merler Stephansberg Riesling feinherb Weingut Albert Kallfelz, Zell-Merl (Mosel)
- 3rd place** 2021 Monzinger Frühlingsplätzchen Riesling No. 53 Spätlese feinherb Weingut Udo Weber, Monzingen (Nahe)



Category VI – Sweet Riesling

- 1st place** 2021 Bopparder Hamm Engelstein Am Weißen Wacke Riesling Spätlese
Weingut Weingart, Spay (Mittelrhein)
- 2nd place** 2021 Würzburger Stein-Harfe Riesling Spätlese VDP.GROSSE LAGE®
Bürgerspital zum Hl. Geist, Würzburg (Franken)
- 3rd place** 2021 Bopparder Hamm FEUERLAY Riesling Spätlese VDP.GROSSE LAGE®
Weingut Matthias Müller, Spay (Mittelrhein)

Category VII – Noble sweet Riesling

- 1st place** 2016 Würzburger Stein Riesling VDP.ERSTE LAGE® Beerenauslese
Weingut Juliusspital, Würzburg (Franken)
- 2nd place** 2020 Escherndorfer Lump Riesling VDP.ERSTE LAGE® Beerenauslese
Weingut Horst Sauer, Escherndorf (Franken)
- 3rd place** 2020 Freudensteiner Brunnenquellweinberge Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese
Württembergische Weingärtner-Zentralgenossenschaft, Möglingen
(Württemberg)

Category VIII – Matured Riesling (vintage 2013 and older)

- 1st place dry** 2012 Bockenheimer Goldgrube Riesling trocken
Weingut Lauermaun & Weyer, Bockenheim (Pfalz)
- 1st place sweet** 2013 Forster Jesuitengarten Riesling VDP.GROSSE LAGE® Beerenauslese
Weingut Geheimer Rat Dr. von Bassermann-Jordan, Deidesheim (Pfalz)
- 2nd place** 2011 Rauenthaler Baiken Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese
Hessische Staatsweingüter Kloster Eberbach, Eltville (Rheingau)

Special awards

Best Dry Riesling in Food Retail

2021 Sankt M Riesling trocken
Weingärtner Cleeborn-Güglingen, Germany

Best Steep Slope Riesling dry

2020 Bönningheim Steingrüben Riesling trocken VDP.GROSSE LAGE
Weingut Dautel, Bönningheim, Germany



Best Dry Riesling Europe

2019 Langenlois Ried Steinmassl 1ÖTW Riesling trocken Kamptal DAC
Weingut Loimer, Austria

Best Dry Riesling from the New World

2021 Wakefield St Andrews Riesling Vintage Release
Taylors Wines, Clare Valley, Australia

Collection of the Year

Weingutsverwaltung Schloss Vollrads, Germany

About Meininger's Best of Riesling

Best of Riesling was launched in 2000 by the Rhineland-Palatinate Ministry of Viticulture and is considered the largest recognised Riesling competition in the world. The competition took place in 2022 under the patronage of the Ministry of Economics, Transport, Agriculture and Viticulture of Rhineland-Palatinate. Approximately 2000 Rieslings from all over the world were submitted to the competition and tasted and evaluated undercover by a jury of experts using the internationally recognised 100-point scheme.

The organiser of the competition, which is recognised by the Ministry of Rhineland-Palatinate, is Meininger Verlag, founded in 1903 in Neustadt an der Weinstraße, one of the oldest German specialist publishers and now run by Andrea Meininger-Apfel and Christoph Meininger in the fourth generation. The media house specialises in particular in the wine and beverage industry and is unique in Europe with its portfolio. In addition to well-known trade magazines, Meininger organises trade fairs, industry events and trade congresses. Internationally, Meininger Verlag has made a successful name for itself with the MUNDUS VINI Grand International Wine Award.

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