

THE SURPRISING SUCCESS OF THE 2017 MOSEL VINTAGE

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WILLI SCHAEFER RIESLING MOSEL GRAACHER DOMPROBST AUSLESE (AUCTION) 2017

Country: Germany
Region: Mosel
Vintage: 2017

Score

98

Although this is still a bit closed in the nose, this Auslese is super succulent and extremely fresh on the palate with delicate exotic fruit. A firm finish of enormous complexity. Better from 2019, and probably close to immortal.

WILLI SCHAEFER RIESLING MOSEL GRAACHER DOMPROBST SPÄTLESE 5 2017

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98

The kind of concentration you normally associate with BA and TBA has been miraculously crammed into this sleek silhouette of a Spätlese. It also has a diamond-like brilliance that is mesmerizing. The super mineral finish doesn't want to stop! Drink or hold.

WILLI SCHAEFER RIESLING MOSEL GRAACHER DOMPROBST SPÄTLESE (AUCTION) 2017

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97

The richest 2017 Spätlese from this producer. It has a stunning lemon and pineapple character and a breathtaking interplay of pure fruit and mineral acidity. How can you resist this great beauty now? Try not to forget that the aging potential of this wine is measured in decades.

WILLI SCHAEFER RIESLING MOSEL GRAACHER DOMPROBST KABINETT 2017

Country: Germany
Region: Mosel
Vintage: 2017

Score
96

How could another Kabinett be better than this wine and still retain the essential lightness of the category? Still rather closed, but there is massive structure present. The lemon and mineral freshness drives the very long, complete finish. Better from 2019, but try to wait longer as this has enormous aging potential.

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Region: Mosel
Vintage: 2017

Score
96

Overwhelming, but not through raw power and much less through sheer volume. The combination of intensity, vibrancy, succulence and delicacy of this Spätlese must be tasted to be believed. I love the lemon-blossom character in the nose. Drink or hold.

WILLI SCHAEFER RIESLING MOSEL GRAACHER HIMMELREICH KABINETT 2017

Country: Germany
Region: Mosel
Vintage: 2017

Score
95

Amazingly concentrated for a Kabinett, but it is also cool and finely nuanced with an entire spectrum of fruit and herbal notes. Hints of smoke and flint, too. The crystalline clarity of the long finish is literally breathtaking. Drink or hold.

WILLI SCHAEFER RIESLING MOSEL GRAACHER HIMMELREICH SPÄTLESE 2017

Country: Germany

Region: Mosel

Vintage: 2017

Score

95

So Mosel wines are light? Yes they are and this one only has 7% alcohol, but it is staggeringly concentrated for that figure. In spite of having a slew of citrus and stone-fruit aromas, it is also very subtle and graceful. The finish is as pure and straight as a laser beam. Drink or hold.

WILLI SCHAEFER RIESLING MOSEL WEHLENER SONNENUHR SPÄTLESE 2017

Country: Germany

Region: Mosel

Vintage: 2017

Score

95

A ton of floral and peachy charm on the nose. In spite of the high acidity of the vintage, this has a playful personality. Another stunning wine from this producer. A long lemon, gooseberry and mineral finish. Drink or hold.
