



# Mosel Fine Wines

"The Independent Review of Mosel Riesling"

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## 2008 "10 Years After" Retrospective



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The retrospective of the 2008 vintage was based on a re-sampling of 130 of the finest wines by the finest growers of the vintage.

## Fruity & Sweet Highlights of the Vintage

### Weingut Willi Schaefer

(Graach – Middle Mosel)

2008er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Auslese	11 09	Auction	96
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This offers a beautiful even if still rather backward nose of peach, strawberry, mirabelle, melon, lemon and herbs all wrapped into a fresher touch of cassis. Despite the ripeness, the wine remains beautifully undercooled on the palate, where herbs and fine spices paired with strawberry give depth to this stunningly complex Auslese. The acidity is superbly integrated and contributes to the great playful mouthwatering feel in the finish. 2023-2038

2008er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese	05 09		94
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The 2008er Domprobst Spätlese AP 5 is simply a beauty. The wine starts off by delivering the most wonderfully racy notes of pear, mirabelle, white peach and laurel. These then give way to a gorgeous interplay between ripe acidity and creamy fruits on the palate. The wine is superbly balanced and delivers its good with great tension and focus. The finish is lively, fresh, creamy and, above all, hugely complex and elegant. What a beauty! Now-2033

2008er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese	06 09	Auction	93
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This offers a stunning nose of pear, laurel, herbs and fine spices. The wine develops a hint of licorice and ripe pear on the palate and leaves a superb and mouthwatering feel in the long and complex finish. This little beauty more than fulfills the high hopes we had set on it young (we featured it as [wine of the month](#) back in 2009). Now-2033

2008er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Auslese	08 09		92
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This delivers an engaging and aromatic nose made of butter cream, almond paste, toffee, apple, yellow peach, conference pear, dried herbs and laurel. The wine coats the palate with juicy exotic fruits including mango and papaya. The finish is still quite on the sweet and smooth side, also because of the ripe nature of the acidity. This full on, deliciously creamy dessert wine should prove quite enjoyable for many more decades to come. Now-2038

2008er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett	02 09		92
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This offers a still slightly reduced nose made of greengage, white peach, grapefruit, mirabelle, earthy herbs and spices. The wine is delicately creamy yet refreshingly minty on the palate. A nice touch of playful acidity gives focus and brings a lively side to the long and multi-layered finish. While already hugely enjoyable now, this could still improve with a few more years of bottle age. This amply fulfills the high hopes we had set on this wine early on (we featured it as a [wine of the month](#) back in 2009). 2023-2033

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