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2021 Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett #1 (Versteigerung)

From a single fuder based on a single plot of ancient vines, the 2021 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett #1 (Versteigerung) is the quintessence of the Domprobst expressed in a Kabinett. This is a very clear, refined and pure Domprobst with amazing complexity and precision. Lush but also highly refined on the palate, this is a pristine and saline, enormously long and stimulating Domprobst. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine from AP 1 22 in July 2022. To be auctioned in September of this year.

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2021 Willi Schaefer Graacher Riesling feinherb

The 2021 Graacher Riesling feinherb shows a pure, bright and coolish bouquet with just-ripe fruit aromas intermingled with flinty and discreet oak notes that complete the nose beautifully. Bottled with 17 grams per liter of residual sugar, this is a dense, round and intense, beautifully textured and balanced Riesling with a stimulating, saline and finely tannic finish. This is a beautiful off-dry Riesling that is already a rounder and also slightly more complex Graacher (predominantly Himmelreich) compared to the dry selection. This 2021 should be cellared for 6 or 7 years, but it has the potential to refine over decades. 10.5% stated alcohol. Screw cap. Tasted in July 2022.

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2021 Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett #3

The 2021 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett #3 opens with a bright and clear, remarkably intense and beautifully balanced and layered nose of ripe and fleshy fruits intertwined and spiced with graphite and coolish slate aromas. This is a classical beauty, and it refines on the nose the longer you hold your nose over the glass. Lush and saline on the palate, this is a mouth-filling and mouth-watering Domprobst with precise, saline/mineral acidity and very fine phenolics on the lovely stringent finish. This is a serious but fluent Riesling of great finesse and elegance. Mirabelle aromas are emerging from the glass now and make this one of the finest Kabinett Rieslings I have ever tasted. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domain3 from AP 3 22 in July 2022.

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2021 Willi Schaefer Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese

Based on healthy grapes that were selected in the same go like the Auslese that is based on the very few botrytis grapes, the 2021 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese shows a precise, fresh and finely reductive nose of cut slate and just-ripe but intense and concentrated Riesling berry aromas. Pristine and highly elegant on the palate, this is a textured and savory, very delicate and filigreed Spätlese with yellow apple aromas and remarkably refined but striking acidity that is also just ripe and does its job brilliantly. The finish is saline and crystalline, but this Sonnenuhr is less rich and intense than the Kabinett selections from Graach. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine from AP 17 22 in July 2022.

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2021 Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #5

Revealing flinty/earthy and savory, bright and clear fruit aromas, the 2021 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #5 presents itself as a picture-book Spätlese from the Domprobst. The crystal-clear fruit is almost floral in its lightness and tight connection to the deeper slate soils here and develops a palate that is airy, weightless and highly finessed, imbedding the crystalline, fine acidity in a concentrated yet neither lush nor sweet but rather silky texture. This is a seamlessly textured Domprobst with a long and savory finish that represents still-crisp fruit that is just ripe but also sour, in a positive way. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine from AP 5 22 in July 2022.

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2021 Willi Schaefer Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese #21 (Versteigerung)

Just 50 liters were selected for the 2021 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese #21 (Versteigerung) that opens with a crystal clear, spectacularly intense and complex but also refined, savory and lemony nose with notes of tea and sage; it's always precise and pure yet concentrated and rich but never exuberant. The palate is seamless and incredibly intense but still pure, saline and complex, with the fascinating mineral vibrancy of the Domprobst and the 2021 vintage. The finish is intense and very, very long and energetic. This is a Riesling that beams straight into your mind and heart. A fabulous beauty.

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2021 Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #13 (Versteigerung)

Only one tonneau was selected of the to-be-auctioned 2021 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #13 (Versteigerung) that was picked at the end of October. This magic Spätlese opens with an intense, very clear, precise and pure, beautifully reductive but utterly complex and concentrated bouquet with crunchy/flinty slate aromas. This nose already tells the 2021 story, which is about low yields, long vegetation period, careful selections and high extracts. Lush and intense on the palate, this is a concentrated, savory and saline, enormously complex and mineral Spätlese with a long, precise and linear finish. On its way to eternity, the 2021 grabbed everything, most of all salts and stones, but also everything that makes the richness of this uplifted, savory Domprobst. The finish is pure and saline yet not sweet at all, just fruit and minerals and everything that a Mosel Riesling is all about. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine from AP 13 22 in July 2022.

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2021 Willi Schaefer Graacher Riesling trocken

The 2021 Graacher Riesling trocken is coolish and pure yet also intense and provided with ripe and lush fruit intermingled with some hints of oak and a touch of banana, which fits in beautifully. Saline and crystalline on the palate, with intense, elegant and tangy fruit, this is a promising dry Riesling whose grapes predominantly come from the Himmelreich, but in this year, there are also some Domprobst kilos included. The finish is fresh and grippy and indicates crisp, just-ripe Riesling fruit. 11.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine from AP 6 in July 2022.

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2021 Willi Schaefer Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett

The 2021 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett shows stunning reduction on the clear, intense and well-concentrated, super precise and also complex nose that reveals discreet herbal aromas. What a beauty! Lush and light on the palate, this is a pristine, textured and incredibly fine Himmelreich with a long, saline and perfectly round finish. This is a beautiful, classic Kabinett that deserves the highest praise. Picked below 80° Oechsle, this 2021 Himmelreich proves that sensory ripeness doesn't need a refractometer to show complexity and style. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in July 2022.

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