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2022 Weingut Willi Schaefer Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett

The 2022 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett is clear, bright and fresh on the still young and yeasty nose that shows a coolish, flinty character with ripe, well-concentrated fruit and dark slate notes. On the palate, this is a round and charming, mouth-filling and fruity but finessed and balanced Kabinett from the Himmelreich. This is a very elegant and alluring style, but it will be even more so after some years of bottle age. The finish is delicate, fresh and frisky, saline and citric but not at all aggressive; in fact, it is mouth-tickling and caressing but also salivating. Another gorgeous Kabinett from the Schaefer family. 7.5% stated alcohol. Screw-cap closure. Tasted in May 2023.

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2022 Weingut Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett (Versteigerung)

Predominantly sourced in the steep Nikolaus Lay with its ancient, ungrafted vines, the 2022 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett (Versteigerung) opens with a deep, precise and flinty, coolish and complex but also brighter and maybe even more intense nose compared to the regular Domprobst (AP 03). Lush and round on the palate, this is a crystalline, saline and highly stimulating Kabinett with great finesse and elegance and a mouth-watering finish. This is utterly complex but light and alluringly stimulating. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in May 2023 (AP 01 23).

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2022 Weingut Willi Schaefer Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spätlese

Sourced in the same parcel as the legendary 1976 Auslese and picked rather early, the 2022 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spätlese opens with a clear, precise and elegant nose of white fruits and flinty notes of coolish crushed slate. Intense and lush on the palate, this is mouth-filling and charming, very long and mineral/saline Spätlese that doesn't show exceptionally high acidity but a ripe one that is completely interwoven with the mineral/phenolic structure. This is a hedonistically juicy but weightless and finessed, stimulating and saline Spätlese from the Himmelreich, which didn't produce an Auslese in 2022. All the fully ripe and golden berries went into the Spätlese. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in May 2023.

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2022 Weingut Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #13 (Versteigerung)

The 2022 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #13 (Versteigerung) is incredibly clear, pure, fresh and coolish, precise and flinty on the nose. In other words, it's a picture-book Spätlese from this fabulous grand cru. Lush, precise and saline on the palate, with crystalline, mineral acidity and an elegant, long, very intense, complex and salivating finish, this terrific Spätlese should be one of the finest produced in this vintage in the Mosel. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in May 2023.

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2022 Weingut Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #5

The 2022 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #5 is the only one next to the Domprobst Spätlese reserved for the auction (AP 13), so the more classic AP 10 wasn't been produced in 2022. The AP 5 Domprobst offers a very bright, clear, flinty and aristocratic nose that is still discreet and quite citric but most of all coolish and stony. On the palate, the wine becomes immediately hedonistic; it is round but refined and elegant, with great balance and a mouth-tickling, saline, crystalline and salivating finish. This is the Spätlese to be cellared, whereas the Himmelreich is already so seductive that it will be hard to forget it for a couple of years. The Domprobst is a classic that will surely improve with more bottle age. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in May 2023.

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2022 Weingut Willi Schaefer Graacher Riesling feinherb

Predominantly from the Himmelreich but from different parcels than its dry counterpart, the 2022 Graacher Riesling feinherb is bright and refined on the fresh and pure nose that reveals white peach aromas intertwined with discreetly flinty slate aromas. Round and lush on the palate, this is a quite intense and textured Graacher with ripe, elegant acidity, yet it (still?) doesn't have the sharpness and precision of the dry Graacher. The finish is mouth-filling and fruity, though, and delicate in acidity, with good length. 10.5% stated alcohol. Screw-cap closure. Tasted in May 2023.

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2022 Weingut Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett

The 2022 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett is pure, cool and flinty on the deep, dark and discreet, more aristocratic nose compared to the Himmelreich. It is utterly complex and with bright shimmers in the darkness of the Domprobst due to the flavors of juicy Sicilian lemons. Round, lush and elegant on the palate, this is a highly refined and saline, beautifully balanced and weightless as well as seamless Kabinett with a savory finish. Perfect balance. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in May 2023.

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2022 Weingut Willi Schaefer Graacher Riesling trocken

Sourced predominantly in the Himmelreich and racked from the lees until March due to a slow fermentation of the dry and feinherb wines, the 2022 Graacher Riesling trocken opens with a clear, deep and flinty, still nicely reductive bouquet of ripe, aromatic and juicy yellow stone fruits. Bottled in late April, this is a round and elegant, mouth-filling, juicy and well-balanced Graacher with savory acidity and a stimulating, saline and citric finish. This is a gorgeous dry Riesling from Graach that didn't suffer any heatwaves like in 2018, 2019 or 2020, although it was an extraordinarily warm and dry vintage. 11.5% stated alcohol. Screw-cap closure. Tasted in May 2023.

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