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2023 Weingut Willi Schaefer Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese Long Gold Capsule (Auction)

The 2023 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese Long Gold Capsule (Auction) is bright and very clear on the nose that indicates overripe yet healthy fruit that leaves room for the highly refined blue and gray slate aroma of the Sonnenuhr. Sweet and savory on the palate, this is an elegant, very intense and stimulatingly saline Auslese with perfectly ripe, concentrated fruit and the crunchy slate grip of the WSU combined with the intensity and generosity of the 2023 vintage. This is highly stimulating. 8% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024 from AP 21 24.

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2023 Weingut Willi Schaefer Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spätlese

Schaefer's 2023 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spätlese is very clear and intense yet also precise and flinty on the bright and well-defined nose that is intense without being bold and is characterized by its perfectly ripe and elegant fruit and delicate slate aroma. Lush and savory on the palate, this is a very intense, utterly mineral and mouthwatering Spätlese with great energy and tension, enormous length and salivating complexity. This is an adorable and age-worthy showstopper and a milestone Himmelreich for Andrea and Christoph Schaefer. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024 from AP 8 24.

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2023 Weingut Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #13 (Versteigerung)

The 2023 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #13 (Versteigerung) is very clear, refined and precise on the beautifully slatey nose that indicates perfectly ripe and elegant fruit with lemon-rind nuances. Lush and round on the palate, this is an elegant, mouth-filling, saline and textural Spätlese of great class and style. Its acidity is savory, saline and finely grained and carries the wine to a very long and intense finish. This Spätlese combines the finesse talents of AP 10 with those fruit-intense ones of AP 5 yet, in the end, remains with its own character and will be auctioned in November 2024. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024 from AP 13 24.

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2023 Weingut Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Auslese #14

The 2023 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Auslese #14 is very clear and intense on the concentrated yet still somewhat caged nose that indicates a certain over-ripeness and a spicy botrytis tone. On the palate, this is a dense and savory, very intense and concentrated, long and stimulating Auslese with generosity, stimulating salinity and savoriness on the finish and aftertaste. It's irresistible. This Domprobst should be cellared for at least a decade. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024.

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2023 Weingut Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #10

The 2023 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #10 is very clear, fresh and precise on the spring-like nose. Flavors of crushed rocks, salts and lime zest drag into the glass, and the wine, once on the palate, is full of energy and very fine raisin, even blueberry and wax leaf aromas. This beautifully balanced and silky Domprobst Spätlese is full of finesse and reveals a playful, irresistible character with perfectly ripe fruit that is like an idea of fruit rather than material on the palate. This is a subtle stunner and one day will probably be even finer than the gorgeous Himmelreich Spätlese. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024.

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2023 Weingut Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett #1 (Versteigerung)

To be auctioned in November the 2023 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett #1 (Versteigerung) is very precise and refined on the flinty and bright nose, which is not as dark as the Domprobst normally is. On the palate, this is a juicy, savory, stimulatingly saline, playful and complex Domprobst with intense yet discreet and noble fruit and highly refined and crystalline acidity. This highly finessed and elegant Domprobst is very mineral and playful yet also layered on the palate and made to be aged for decades. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024 from AP 1 24.

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2023 Weingut Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #5

The 2023 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese #5 is intense and dense on the nose that shows super ripe and partly overripe tropical (mango) fruit yet less of the finesse of the Domprobst slate, at least at this early stage. On the palate, however, comes the energy and stimulating phenolic bite of the Domprobst, paired with a generously lush texture. The acidity is savory yet not as fine and playful as the Spätlese #10, but the wine has substance, length and complexity. Some prefer the #10, while others might opt for this one. It should be interesting to taste both wines again after 10 years. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024.

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2023 Weingut Willi Schaefer Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett #3

The 2023 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Kabinett #3 opens with a clear and coolish, very precise and flinty as well as vegetal bouquet of dark, crushed slate. Very elegant and mouthwatering on the palate, with lively, mineral acidity and stimulating salinity, this is an almost dry-tasting Domprobst Kabinett due to its continuous mineral character and grippy phenols. The wine is full of finesse yet still discreet in its hedonistic compounds. The Domprobst is the aristocrat of the Mosel Kabinett world yet also offers a certain charm. Very subtle and long, this will be a classic in a decade, especially when served with very fine dishes. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024 from AP 3 24 (thus the #3 on the label).

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2023 Weingut Willi Schaefer Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett

The 2023 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett opens with substantial depth and a brilliant bouquet of wet slate. The fruit is intense but not dominating, thanks to the flintiness and savoriness of the Himmelreich terroir. On the palate, this is a mouth-filling, dense and complex Kabinett with ripe, elegant and juicy fruit intertwined with very fine phenols and an ethereal slate thread that gives this Kabinett an enormous length and animation. This will be a superb gastronomic wine after a decade of bottle age, although the 2023 already drinks beautifully today. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024 from AP 2 24.

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2023 Weingut Willi Schaefer Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett

From a 0.24-hectare plot located at the bridge on the premier etage of this world-famous cru, the 2023 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett opens with a clear, remarkably intense and textural bouquet of perfectly ripe fruits intermingled with beautifully saline and savory slate aromas. Fabulous. Lush yet refined and very elegant on the palate, this is a Kabinett that's impossible to spit and swirl in the mouth. Because it is so beautifully balanced, seamlessly textured and stimulatingly saline, this crystalline, mouth-filling and intense Kabinett is absolutely gorgeous. Everything here sits in the right spot, and the finish is just moderately sweet and beautifully frisky. Calculate one bottle per person as an aperitif. 8% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024 from AP 19 24.

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