



Mosel Fine Wines

"The Independent Review of Mosel Riesling"

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1995 "20 Years After" Riesling Retrospective



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The retrospective of the 1995 vintage was based on a re-sampling of over 60 of the best wines of the vintage from leading Estates. It covered dry / off-dry as well as fruity / dessert Riesling wines.

Highlights of the Vintage

Weingut Geltz-Zilliken (Saarburg – Saar)

1995er	Geltz-Zilliken	Saarburger Rausch Riesling Auslese	01 96	96
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This "best" cask of the Geltz-Zilliken Estate in the 1995 vintage, made from partially frozen fruit, was initially ear-marked for a release via the annual auctions but got somehow overlooked and was eventually released via regular channels in 2014. This gorgeous wine is definitively "Auslese GK" in style as it delivers great scents of mint, spices, gorgeous and delicate exotic fruits. A glorious touch of beeswax brings balance to the zesty acidity (which towers at 9.6 g/l) and the whole experience finishes with a superb silky feel of tea, herbs and fruits. This is a gorgeous wine which is now at maturity and is just silky and no longer overtly sweet. What a beauty! Now-2030 (reprint from Issue No 25 – Jun 2014)

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This offers a superbly fresh nose of smoke, saffron, lime, grapefruit and orange peel. The wine shows superb balance on the palate with zesty acidity as well as a creamy and fruity mid-palate structure. The zesty grapefruit and lime in the long finish give the whole wine an intense and focused side. This textbook of an Auslese is simply superb and a joy to drink! Now-2020

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