

Bruce Sanderson's Recommended German Rieslings

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TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
J. WEGELER ERBEN Riesling Trockenbeereauslese Mosel Bernkasteler Doctor 2007 Sleek and racy, this belies its intense sweetness, with a refined structure defining the apricot, peach, honey and mineral.	98	\$480 375ml
GUNDERLOCH Riesling Trockenbeereauslese Gold Cap Rheinhessen Nackenheim Rothenberg 2007 Intense and thick, yet also elegant, with orange, kumquat, spiced pear and pineapple, accented by earth and smoke.	97	\$675 375ml
REINHARD & BEATE KNEBEL Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Winninger Uhlen 2007 Intensely sweet, with apricot, beeswax, candied citrus and spice, yet racy and defined by its bracing structure.	97	\$52
SCHLOSS SCHÖNBORN Riesling Beereauslese Gold Cap Rheingau Hattenheimer Pfaffenberg 2007 Concentrated citrus and fruit Jujube flavors are at the core of this elegant dessert Riesling. Racy and clean.	96	\$115 375ml
FRITZ HAAG Riesling Auslese Mosel Brauneberger Juffer (AP 20) 2007 A citrus tanginess adds dimension to the mineral, apricot and peach flavors in this delicate, bracing white.	95	\$50
REICHSGRAF VON KESSELSTATT Riesling Spätlese Mosel Scharzhofberger 2007 Like an orange Creamsicle, with a dash of vanilla, this is rich, supple and tangy at once. Shows great harmony and texture.	95	\$34
SCHLOSS LIESER Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Lieser Niederberg Helden 2007 Less expressive of fruit and more savory. Delivers complexity and concentration on a light-weight frame.	95	\$45
WILLI SCHAEFER Riesling Auslese Mosel Graacher Himmelreich 2007 Round, yet balanced by bright acidity. Apricot and vanilla flavors are at the core, with orange and stone notes.	95	\$111
J. WEGELER ERBEN Riesling Auslese Rheingau Geisenheimer Rothenberg 2007 Plump and smooth, with floral, lime and peach aromas and flavors, this is very Mosel-like. There's terrific harmony.	95	\$65
FRITZ HAAG Riesling Spätlese Mosel Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr 2007 Crystalline and focused, showing peach, nectarine, lime, slate and savory notes. The vibrant structure lifts the fruit.	94	\$45
REINHOLD HAART Riesling Spätlese Mosel Piesporter Goldtröpfchen 2007 Delicate yet concentrated, with floral and slate notes accented by lime and peach. The balance is impeccable.	94	\$50
MARKUS MOLITOR Riesling Spätlese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Ürziger Würzgarten 2007 Plump and silky, this offers black currant, slate and peach flavors, with a hint of licorice. Fleshy and harmonious.	94	\$30
SCHÄFER-FRÖHLICH Riesling Spätlese Nahe Bockenauer Felseneck 2007 Bursts from the glass with apricot, floral, tangerine and slate notes. Light-weight, yet saturated and full of energy.	94	\$40

TOP WINES (continued)

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
JAKOB SCHNEIDER Riesling Spätlese Nahe Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle 2007 There's some flesh to the sweet corn, pastry and candied citrus flavors, with a vein of mineral and a refined structure.	94	\$38
WAGNER STEMPEL Riesling Spätlese Rheinhessen Siefersheimer Heerkretz 2007 Distinctive, with floral and herbal aromas giving way to candied orange, apricot and mineral notes in this luscious white.	94	\$55

TOP VALUES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
ROBERT EYMAEL (MÖNCHHOF) Riesling Spätlese Mosel Mosel Slate 2007 Juicy, with peach and tangerine flavors. A light-weight style.	90	\$25
DR. HERMANN Riesling Kabinett Mosel Ürziger Würzgarten 2007 Tangy slate augments the peach and nectarine aromas and flavors. Rich and juicy, with a bright structure.	90	\$23
REICHSGRAF VON KESSELSTATT Riesling Kabinett Mosel Piesporter Goldtröpfchen 2007 Unevolved, revealing hints of floral and black currant aromas and flavors. Vibrant and juicy, with a lingering finish.	90	\$24
S.A. PRÜM Riesling Kabinett Mosel Wehlener Sonnenuhr 2007 Slim and precise, showing apricot and honey flavors.	90	\$25
BALTHASAR RESS Riesling Qualitätswein Troden Rheingau Von Unserm 2007 Lean, pure and dry, with lemon, nectarine and savory flavors.	90	\$22
REICHSRAT VON BUHL Riesling Kabinett Pfalz Armand 2006 Crisp and juicy, delivering apple, grapefruit and peach notes.	89	\$20
BARON ZU KNYPHAUSEN Riesling Kabinett Rheingau Baron K' 2007 Shows grapefruit and mineral. Tightly wound and youthful.	89	\$15
LOOSEN BROS. Riesling QbA Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Dr. L 2007 Balanced and graceful, with peach, grapefruit and mineral.	89	\$12
PFEFFINGEN Riesling QbA Trocken Pfalz 2007 This is rich, yet offset by a vivid structure.	89	\$17
S.A. PRÜM Riesling Kabinett Mosel Blue Slate 2007 A dryish style, with peach, grapefruit and spice flavors.	89	\$19
NIK. WEIS SELECTION Riesling QbA Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Urban 2007 This alluring white has floral, black currant and slate flavors.	89	\$11
WITTMANN Riesling QbA Trocken Rheinhessen 2006 Rich and powerful, but the flavors are finely detailed.	89	\$12
VON HÖVEL Riesling QbA Mosel Balduin von Hövel Saar 2007 A delicate, racy style, offering light lemon, apple and peach.	88	\$16
J.L. WOLF Riesling QbA Trocken Pfalz 2007 Fleshy and just off-dry, with peach, grapefruit and orange zest.	87	\$12