

Hugh Johnson Pocket Wine Book 2022:

"Progressive individual organic estate at Lieser especially Niederberg-Helden vineyards. Intense wines, one of each ripeness category, intended for gastronomy, listed in many top restaurants."

2022 Mosel-Riesling Qualitätswein trocken

Alcohol 12,0 Vol%, Residual sugar 8,8 g/l, Acidity 7,6 g/l.

General:

The *Qualitätswein* is the first quality category to be harvested. The plots are in Lieser and Kues, planted with "young" vines of up to 40 years of age. The slope is 30-50 % incline, the soil is a mix of slate and a little bit of quartz. The farming principles are biodynamic. We cultivate a spontaneous cover crop to grow in the rows which keeps useful and harmful creatures in a natural balance. Low yield is assured through the pruning of the vines to 8–10 buds/vine. At the end of June, shortly after blossom, manual shoot thinning is done as well as removal of leaves and secondary shoots in the grape zone.

This results in light-weight, small-berried grapes perfectly exposed to the sunrays. Total yield amounts to 50 hl/ha, which is about a bottle of Riesling per vine. What is important for the timing of the harvest is to reach physiological ripeness in mid-October, with sugar readings of around 90° Oechsle (Specific gravity 90° = 1,090 kg/l or 22,5° Brix).

The grapes are collected during harvest in small crates to ensure that they reach the cellar undamaged. In the closed tank press skin maceration lasts a few hours to enhance natural aroma extraction. After an average 12-hour sedimentation period the juice is moved into the fermenter. Vinification starts with indigenous yeast and takes place in stainless-steel tanks at temperatures of between 16° to 18° C. Initially, fermentation is temperature-controlled; the entire fermentation process covers a period of 6 to 8 weeks. The wine is kept on its lees until filtration in spring.

2022 Vintage:

The Vintage 2022, after the wet season of 2021, is a very special vintage on the Mosel. Fortunately, the Riesling vines survived the intense heat throughout the summer. The September rains ensured in the last moment a balanced, harmonious 2022 vintage with moderate alcohol levels and rather gentle acidities. All this results into expressive, biodynamic Riesling wines with appealing aromas and elegant fruity character.

Detailed Information on the Wine:

Potential alcohol:	102,0 g/l	Tasting profile:	Dry
Actual alcohol:	12,0 %	Ripeness of grapes:	Sound, ripe grapes
Residual sugar:	8,8 g/l	Age of vines:	Until 40 years
Total acidity:	7,6 g/l	Inclination:	40-60%
pH:	3,20	Village:	Lieser
Botrytis:	None	Vineyard:	Schlossberg
Chaptilization:	No	Tasting glass:	Zalto Universal
Malolactic:	No	Certification:	Organic, Biodynamic, Vegan
Closure:	Stelvin		

Comments:

"Intense nose with its suggestions of wild flowers, hazelnuts and gherkins – almost reminiscent of a Grüner Veltliner Federspiel! Bone-dry finish and no shortage of fruit and extract on the way there. I'd happily order this from any restaurant wine list and reckon it would go well with a huge array of foods. 12,0 %. Drink 2023-2027. 16,5 Points." Jancis Robinson 2023







