



Buying Guide - March 2007

Germany Riesling/Auslese/Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

98- 2005 Joh. Jos. Prüm Riesling Auslese Gold Cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Wehlener Sonnenuhr

Silky, harmonious and refined, with apricot, apple, lime and mineral aromas and flavors matched to a light weight frame, Balanced, with no hidden structure evident in the tanginess on the finish and the long, lingering aftertaste of baked apple, Puts it all together. Best from 2009-2030. 550 cases made. - B.S.

97- 2005 Joh. Jos. Prüm Riesling Auslese Gold Cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Graacher Himmelreich

Perfumed and creamy in texture, showing textbook lime, peach and slate flavors that mesh seamlessly with delicate frame and the vibrant acidity has fine length, with a juicy, peach infused aftertaste. This is terrific, with great harmony and intensity. Best from 2008-2022. 330 cases made. -B.S.

97- 2005 Joh. Jos. Prüm Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Wehlener Sonnenuhr

Peach, lime and floral aromas and flavors are highlighted by golden apple tone in this pure, focused Riesling, with a juicy, lime and mineral tinged aftertaste. Has great definition, based on the vibrant structure and precision balance. Best from 2009-2030. 1,200 cases made.-B.S.

**96- 2005 Schloss Lieser Riesling Auslese Gold Cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer
Lieser Niederberg Helden**

A beguiling white. Shows aromas and flavors of ripe, freshly crushed apples and warm brown spices, with accents of citrus and mineral. Concentrated, yet lithe and airy, with a lively acidity that keeps everything focused and long, spice tinged aftertaste. Drink now through 2028. 150 cases made.-B.S.

**96- 2005 Bert Simon (Herrenberg) Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer
Serrig Würtzberg**

This is special, showing distinctive black currant and mineral aromas and flavors, with accents of citrus and flowers. Not very concentrated, yet the flavors are intense, with a long, expansive finish. The black currant theme prevails. Drink now through 2028. 200 cases made.-B.S.

**95- 2005 Fritz Haag Riesling Auslese Gold Cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer
Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr (AP 9) 9 cases in stock CA**

Pure and expressive. A mix of slate and nectarine flavors, verging on passion fruit, highlights this lithe yet dense Riesling. Ripe and succulent, with excellent balance and a tangy finish. Drink now through 2025. 100 cases made.-B.S.

**95- 2005 Reinhold Haart Riesling Auslese Gold Cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer
Piesporter Goldtröpfchen**

A lush white. Contrasts a freshness with a very ripe, golden character that makes this juicy and appealing, well defined golden delicious apple, peach and pastry flavors. Balanced and long. Drink now through 2025. 50 cases made.-B.S.

**95- 2005 Zilliken Riesling Auslese Gold Cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer
Saarburger Rausch – 2 cases in stock CA/ 20 cases available 4/11/07**

Wonderful clarity and expression of pear and apple flavors here, along with a seamless structure and texture. Honey and a touch of mineral on the finish ground out the flavor profile. Fine length too. Drink now through 2030. 25 cases imported.-B.S.

95- 2005 Bert Simon Riesling Auslese Gold Cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Serrig Herrenberg Available in Germany

Fresh and succulent, with lime, peach, cream and mineral flavors and a vibrant structure. Harmonious and multifaceted, combining the ripeness of 2005 with the elegant character of the Mosel. Drink now through 2028. 300 cases made.-B.S.

95- 2005 Milz-Laurentiushof Riesling Auslese Gold cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Trittenheimer Leiterchen Available in Germany

A tangy style, offering a core of lime and grapefruit. Compact and tightly wound around a beam of acidity, but shows concentration and intensity. Very pure. Needs time to unwind. Best from 2009-2030. 25 cases made.-B.S.

95- 2005 Schloss Lieser Riesling Auslese Long Gold Cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr

An opulent, creamy style, showing a mix of apricot, peach and orange notes, with mineral and spice accents. This is very approachable now, yet has the structure and refinement to age, with a lovely, juicy finish and an aftertaste of peach. Drink now through 2030. 50 cases made.-B.S.

95- 2005 Schloss Lieser Riesling Auslese Long Gold Cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Lieser Niederberg Helden

Luscious and mouth filling, offering fresh apricot, peach and apple aromas and flavors, with hints of vanilla cream. Appears soft because of the richness, yet there's plenty of structure to keep this balanced. Should develop well. Has fine mouthwatering finish. Best from 2008 through 2030. 50 cases made.-B.S.

95- 2005 Zilliken Riesling Auslese Long Gold Cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Saarburger Rausch – 3 cases available 4/11/07 / More available in Germany

There's a fine intensity to the candied citrus and berry flavors, with a honey and spice element that suggests botrytis. The acidity keeps it defined and mouthwatering, with fine length. Wrapped up tight now, this needs a few years. Best from 2009-2030. 15 cases imported.-B.S.

95- 2005 Karthäuserhof Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

Eitelsbacher Karthäuserhofberg NR 36 (AP 19)-4 cases in stock CA

A luscious Riesling, with apricot, nectarine and lime mousse flavors. Seamless and very seductive, with an incredible creamy texture offset by vibrant acidity. Has fine length. Easy to enjoy now, but should also age well. Drink now through 2025. 25 cases made.-B.S.

95- 2005 Joh. Jos. Prüm Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Graacher Himmelreich

Slightly reduced in aroma, yet very pure and delicate, showing apple and peach notes, with a touch of herb and mineral. Gossamer in texture, with a spine of acidity, ending with a mouthwatering finish. Needs time. Best from 2010-2030. 1,100 cases made.-B.S

95- 2005 Milz-Laurentiushof Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

Trittenheimer Felsenkopf – 4 cases in stock CA / More in Germany

Fine clarity marks this elegant auslese, whose lime, orange and grapefruit flavors gain added depth from the stony accent. This remains vivid and crisp, with a little less harmony than the best examples from this site. Best from 2008 through 2025. 150 cases made.-B.S.

95- 2005 J. Wegeler Erben Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

Wehlener Sonnenuhr – 3 cases in stock CA

Honey and baked apple notes, with an accent of vanilla, mark this opulent yet slim white. Balanced and smooth, with presence and a lingering finish. Best from 2008-2025. 25 cases made.-B.S.

94- 2005 Fritz Haag Riesling Auslese Gold Cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr (AP12)

A terrific gold cap auslese. Rich and concentrated, yet it seems lighter than air, an ideal backdrop for its dried apricot, roasted almond, candied citrus and mineral flavors. Though sweet and intense, it finishes cleanly, with a mouthwatering acidity. Best from 2008 through 2025. 100 cases made.-B.S.

94- 2005 von Hövel Riesling Auslese Gold Cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Scharzhofberger – 2 cases in stock CA

A very distinctive Riesling, tasting clean and bright. Gets Support from a firm spine of acidity, with vanilla and spice notes that mingle with the lime and custard. The lingering finish is lovely. Drink now through 2028. 100 cases made.-B.S.

94- 2005 von Hövel Riesling Auslese Gold Cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Kanzem Hörecker

Fine concentrated flavors of apricot, nectarine, and honey highlighted this intense Riesling. Has a firm, underlying structure, turning crisp and mouthwatering. The aftertaste echoes apricot. Drink now through 2025. 50 cases made.-B.S.

94- 2005 von Hövel Riesling Auslese Gold Cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Oberemmer Hütte

Lime, dried apple, red berry and mineral aromas and flavors meander through the creamy texture supported by a juicy structure. Leads to a lingering finish, with a tangy citrus and slate aftertaste. Drink now through 2028. 100 cases made.-B.S.

94- 2005 Fritz Haag Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr (AP10) – 9 cases in stock CA

Ripe & juicy, with a lively structure supporting the peach, apple and spice notes. Despite good concentration, this stays light on its feet and remains clean on the spiced apple finish. Drink now through 2025. 50 cases imported.-B.S.

94- 2005 Fritz Haag Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr (AP6)

Suave, with a texture that's as smooth as silk, boasting peach, apple and citrus notes. Picks up a hint of vanilla custard before the structure kicks in. leaving a citrus aftertaste. Very clean and pure. Drink now through 2025. 50 cases imported.-B.S.

94- 2005 Karthäuserhof Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

Eitelsbacher Karthäuserhofberg (AP 11) Available in Germany

Well defined and racy. More like 2004 than a 2005, this is delicate, vivid and packed with vanilla, lime, peach and mineral notes. Integrated, unfolding its flavors through the long finish. A classic Mosel profile. Drink now through 2025. 100 cases imported.-B.S.

94 -2005 Karthäuserhof Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

Eitelsbacher Karthäuserhofberg NR (AP 13) Available in Germany

More mineral driven than most 2005's in this category, this is a slightly drier style, with full-bore intensity and tangy acid structure. Lime and apple join the slate flavor, and these themes remain persistent through the long finish. Best from 2008- 2025. 25 cases made.-B.S.

93-2005 Milz-Laurentiushof Riesling Auslese Gold cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Trittenheimer Apotheke Available in Germany

Like key lime pie in a glass. Delicate and vibrant, with focused lime, vanilla and mineral notes on a creamy texture. Very graceful and light on its feet, with a long aftertaste of vanilla custard. Drink now through 2025. 25 cases made.-B.S.

93- 2005 J. Wegeler Erben Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

Bernkasteler Doctor – 5 cases in stock CA

Round and juicy showing peach, nectarine and orange notes matched with a vibrant structure. A little compact now, but well balanced. Need time to unfurl and reveal all its facets. Best from 2009- 2025. 50 cases made.-B.S.

93- 2005 Dr. F. Weins-Prüm Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

Erdener Prälat – 12 cases in stock CA

This is reticent now, mainly in aroma, with hints of lime and slate matched to a luscious texture. Has vivid acidity so be patient. The finish shows a mix of lime, apricot and mineral. Best from 2008-2022. 30 cases imported.-B.S

**93- 2005 Dr. F. Weins-Prüm Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer
Graacher Domprobst – 3 cases in stock CA / More in Germany**

Lean and racy, this is a different style for 2005, with more typical citrus and lime notes. Mineral and ripe apple accents emerge, and this glides to a long finish. Very clean, balanced and expressive. Best from 2008-2022. 50 cases imported.-B.S

**93- 2005 Dr. F. Weins-Prüm Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer
Graacher Himmelreich – 2 cases in stock CA / More in Germany**

A lighter style, but no less appealing for it. This lime and mineral tinged Riesling hinges on its lip smacking acidity for definition and freshness, lingering nicely, with a combination of lime and slate on the finish. Drink now through 2020. 50 cases imported.-B.S.

**93- 2005 Reinhold Haart Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer
Piesporter Goldtröpfchen**

Stunning nose of flowers, dried citrus, herbs and minerals introduce this intense yet elegant auslese. It's pure and expressive, with pinpoint balance and a salty, minerally finish. It doesn't taste sweeter than the Spätlese, but it's more intense. Drink now through 2030. 50 cases made -B.S.

**93- 2005 Robert Eymael (Mönchhof) Riesling Auslese Mosel-Saar-
Ruwer Ürziger Würzgarten -10 cases in stock CA / More in Germany**

Bright, juicy and nimble, combining lip-smacking peach, lime and mineral notes with a touch of sweetness, backed by lively acidity. This is not the most intense or concentrated version, but its harmonious and flavorful. Best from 2008-2022.100 cases imported.-B.S

**90- 2005 Karthäuserhof Riesling Auslese Trocken Mosel-Saar-Ruwer
Eitelsbacher Karthäuserhofberg Available in Germany**

Smells like lemon cream, then surprises with its dryness on the palate. Has a touch of carbonic gas, which gives this freshness but also a hardness, with citrus, mineral and white pepper notes. Fine balance and length. Drink now through 2012. 50 cases imported.-B.S

Germany
Riesling/Auslese/Nahe

**93- 2005 Schafer-Fröhlich Riesling Auslese Nahe Bockenauer
Felseneck- 1 case in stock CA**

Round and expansive, showing apple and peach flavors, with an undertone of citrus. Sweet, with youthful fat, yet cut by vivid acidity. Fine length. Need time to integrate. Best from 2009-2025. 25 cases imported.-
B.S.

Germany
Riesling/Auslese/Pflaz & Rheinhessen

**94- 2005 Gunderloch Riesling Auslese Gold Cap Rheinhessen
Nackenheim Rothenberg – 5 Cases in stock CA**

Concentrated, this is golden in color, with aromas and flavors from dried fruits. Golden raisin, quince and apricot pick up accents of cinnamon and cardamom, while the adequate structure keeps it from being too soft. Impressive, but more zip would have made it special. Drink now through 2022. 25 cases imported.-B.S.

**92-2005 Gunderloch Riesling Auslese Rheinhessen Nackenheim
Rothenberg-8 cases in stock CA**

Opulent and open, this appealing white offers passion fruit, apple and mineral aromas and flavors. Picks up a floral note mid-palate that lasts through the long yet subtle finish. Drink now through 2018. 20 cases imported.-B.S.

Germany
Riesling/Auslese/Rheingau

**93- 2005 J. Wegeler Erben Riesling Auslese Rheingau Geisenheimer
Rothenberg – 3 cases in stock CA**

Delicate and spicy, showing a white pepper aroma and flavor that accents the lemon and dried apple notes. Balanced, with the white pepper foreshadowing the stony finish. Drink now through 2020. 200 cases made.-
B.S.

Germany

Riesling/Beerenauslese/Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

98- 2005 Fritz Haag Riesling Beerenauslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr

A mix of lime, peach, honey and sweet corn remain complex and well defined by the vivid structure from start to finish. Elegant and seamless, with supple texture and a long mouth watering finish. Drink now through 2035. -B.S.

98- 2005 Schloss Lieser Riesling Beerenauslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Lieser Niederberg Helden

Sweet yet very delicate. Flowers and peach, lime and a hint of slate highlight this gossamer textured beerenauslese. The beautiful harmony is framed by vibrant structure. Lime and honey accents melt away on the finish. Drink now through 2040. -B.S.

98- 2005 Zilliken Riesling Beerenauslese Long Gold Cap Mosel-Saar- Ruwer Saarburger Rausch Available in Germany

A racy style, with apple, peach and lime notes mingling with the light texture. Fine length, with candied apple and caramel. Complex and long, exhibiting more verve than most 2005 BA's. A long distance runner. -B.S.

98- 2005 J. Wegeler Erben Riesling Beerenauslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Bernkastler Doctor

Thick and intense, with a purity to the apricot, orange peel and honey aromas and flavors. There's a cleansing acidity that keeps it all balanced and graceful, with a fine, elegant finish. Drink now through 2040. -B.S.

97- 2005 Milz –Laurentiushof Riesling Beerenauslese Gold Cap Mosel- Saar-Ruwer Trittenheimer Leiterchen- 4 cases in stock CA / More in Germany

A botrytis monster, this is thick and tangy, with plenty of dried citrus peel and spice accenting the dried pineapple and apricot flavors. Supported by bright acidity, this finishes lighter and fresher than it begins. Best from 2009-2040. -B.S.

96- 2005 Karthäuserhof Riesling Beerenauslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Eitelsbacher Karthäuserhofberg NR.32 (AP 20)

Light on its feet and packed with dried apple, black currant and citrus notes, this is both juicy and intense. The apple theme continues through the finish, where a honey note emerges. Fine acidity keeps it fresh and lively. Best from 2008-2038. -B.S.

95- 2005 J. Wegeler Erben Riesling Beerenauslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Wehlener Sonnenuhr

This sweet tart character of this BA is reminiscent of Eiswein. Dried fruit, apricot, pineapple and mango permeate the sweetness, getting a lift from the vivid structure. Though thickly textured this finishes clean and tangy. Best from 2009-2040. -B.S.

94- 2005 Milz-Laurentiushof Riesling Beerenauslese Gold Cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Trittenheimer Felsenkopf Available in Germany

Sweet and tangy with a hard lemon candy note, but the flavor is one dimensional, with more honey than fruit and nuance for the time being. Well balanced, with a lot of botrytis so give it time to open. Best from 2010-2038. -B.S.

94- 2005 Dr. F. Weins-Prüm Riesling Beerenauslese Gold Cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Wehlener Sonnenuhr -10 bottles in stock CA / More in Germany

Intriguing notes of black currant, cherry, candied lime and mineral mark this sweet white. Almost racy thanks to the acidity, keeping it focused and balanced through the long finish. Best from 2009-2040. -B.S.

93-2005 von Hövel Riesling Beerenauslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Scharzhofberger

Light bodied, with a lot of botrytis, yet the style runs more to the baked apple, caramel side of the flavor spectrum. Shows good structure and freshness, though a tad monolithic now. Drink now through 2028. -B.S.

Germany Riesling/Beerenauslese/Other

98- 2005 J. Wegeler Erben Riesling Beerenauslese Rheingau Geisenheimer Rothenberg 230 -18 cases in stock CA/13 cases available 4/4/07

Intense and vicious, offering dried apricot and spice notes, then a candied citrus and berry layer takes over, finally ending with a honeyed aftertaste. Despite its sweetness, this has a vibrant structure and finishes cleanly. Best from 2010-2040. -B.S.

96- 2005 Gunderloch Riesling Beerenauslese Rheinhessen Nackenheim Rothenberg -4 cases in stock CA

A complex mix of earth, roasted almond, baked apple and candied orange peel ride a wave of vibrant acidity. Concentrated and elegant, with a clean, lingering finish. Best from 2009-2040. -B.S.

95- 2005 Schäfer Fröhlich Riesling Beerenauslese Nahe Bockenaur Felseneck – 2 cases in stock CA

Racy and slim, this is a zinger. Hard to believe the concentration given the light weight frame. Shows of candied lemon, mandarin orange and lime flavors. Incredibly pure and balanced, lingering nicely on the clean finish. Drink now through 2040. -B.S.

94- 2005 Robert Weil Riesling Beerenauslese Rheingau Kiedrich Gräfenberg

Thick and intense, with a lot of botrytis character. Yet has a lively structure offsetting the sweetness and viscosity. Dried apple, pear, herb and honey flavors gold court. Just a tad heavy handed. Best from 2010 -2030. -B.S.

93- 2005 Reichsrat von Buhl Riesling Beerenauslese Pflaz Forster Ungeheuer -1 case in stock CA

This softer, concentrated desert Riesling is infused with grapefruit, orange marmalade and raisin. Shows more dried fruit character, yet also sits a little heavier on the palate. Drink now through 2035. -B.S.

Germany **Riesling/Trockenbeerenauslese/Mosel-Saar-Ruwer**

97- 2005 Zilliken Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese Long Gold Cap Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Saarburger Rausch- 4 cases in stock CA

Electric, this wraps its lemon-lime, dried apricot and mineral flavors around a core of acidity. Sleek and intense, with precision balance and log mouth watering finish. Best from 2009-2050. -B.S.

94- 2005 von Hövel Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Scharzhofberger

A lighter style, showing hard lemon candy, dried apple and vegetal aromas and flavors. Vibrant and elegant, yet lacks the refinement of the best in the group. Best from 2009-2045. -B.S

Germany **Riesling/Trockenbeerenauslese/Other**

96- 2005 Gunderloch Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese Rheinhessen Nackenheim Rothenberg

A delicate, tangy style with dried pineapple, passion fruit and apricot accented by wet earth, spice and mineral. Not the concentration of the best, yet vibrant and harmonious, with excellent length. Best from 2009-2048. -B.S.

95- 2005 Reichsrat von Buhl Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese Pflaz Forster Ungeheuer-1 case in stock CA

A lovely mélange of dried apricot, quince, passion fruit and spice. Lively and syrupy in texture, with a long tangy finish. Hard to resist. Drink now through 2045. -B.S.

95-2005 J. Wegeler Erben Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese Rheingau Geisenheimer Rothenberg-6 cases available 4/4/07

Very sweet, with prune, raisin, and dried fig and spice notes. A Succulence comes from the acidity, gliding to a long finish. The texture is silky, with a honey aftertaste. Drink now through 2045. -B.S.

**94- 2005 Robert Weil Riesling Trockenbeereenauslese Rheingau
Kiedrich Gräfenberg**

Amber, with a whiff of nail polish remover, this seems to lack grace and elegance. However, the fine structure lifts it into a more ethereal realm from midpalate to finish. Apricot and spice notes round out the flavors. Needs time to integrate. Best from 2009-2050. -B.S.

**Germany
Riesling/Other**

**94- 2005 J. Wegeler Erben Riesling Eiswein Rheingau Geisenheimer
Kläuserweg Available in Germany**

Pure and nectar like, this Eiswein delivers pear and peach flavors. With a hint of lemon. Opulent, with enough acidity to keep it balanced and clean on the finish. Drink now through 2030. 20 cases made.-B.S.

89- 2005 Robert Eymael (Mönchhof) Riesling QBA Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

Vibrant and well balanced this white combine's flavor of peach, apple and a hint of mineral with fresh acidity. Has a nice lingering finish. Drink now through 2012. 12,000 cases imported.-B.S.