

The Cork Report



Maximin Grünhäuser Herrenberg Riesling Kabinett 2005 – What you would expect from this producer. Inviting nose, complex flavors and a lasting finish. Very, very good and worth aging. **90**

Schloss Vollrads Rheingau Riesling 2005 – Fresh nose. Clean and crisp with acidity and minerality. **90**

Nachtgold Eiswein 2004 – Golden hue and intense nose with distinct legs. Make room for this gem on the dessert table. Sweet, filling and complex – a solid troika. **90**

Saarstein Riesling 2005 – A mineral nose leads to a slightly sweet tasting wine. Enjoyable finish. **89**

Josef Friederich Bernkasteler Kurfürstlay Spätlese 2005 – Green apple aromas. Very refreshing. **89**

Josef Friederich Oppenheimer Krötenbrunnen Auslese 2005 – Golden hue and hints of caramel on the palate. An elegant wine. **89**

Josef Friederich Deidesheimer Hofstück Spätlese 2005 – Musty nose leads to a caramel-flavored wine unique when compared to many other wines in this tasting. Proof that the Pfalz region produces great wines and probably doesn't get the credit it sometimes deserves. **89**

Josef Friederich Oppenheimer Krötenbrunnen Kabinett 2004 – Syrupy, mouth-filling and tasty. **89**

Graff Riesling Spätlese 2005 – Well-made and well-rounded. Lots of flavor, some sweetness and a rewarding finish. **89**

St. Christopher Piesporter Michelsberg Riesling Auslese 2005 – A wonderfully enjoyable sweet wine. Enough acidity to give it character. Very good. **89**

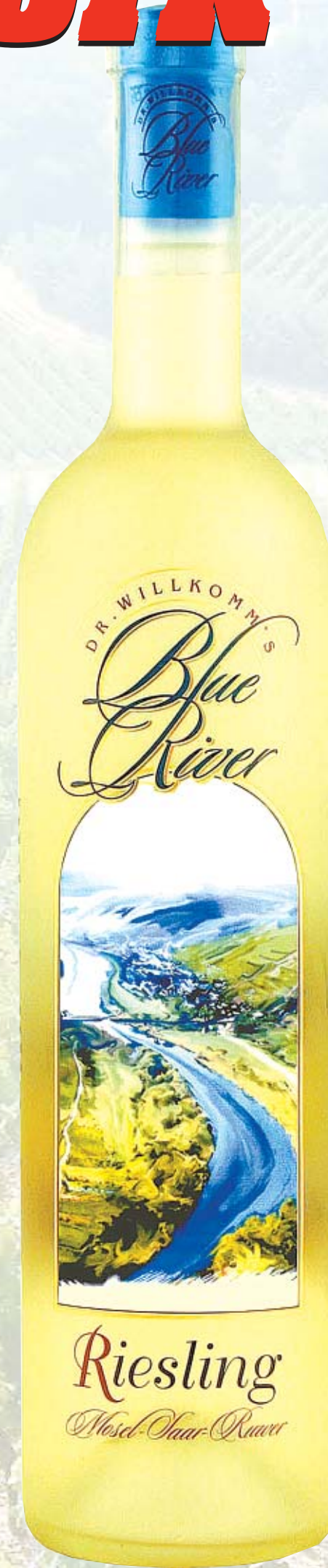
St. Christopher Piesporter Michelsberg Riesling Spätlese 2005 – Slightly dry with a lingering finish. Different from other wines in the tasting. **88**

Dr. Willkomm's Blue River Riesling 2005 – A fantastic looking bottle. The wine inside delivers as well. Lively acidity and sweetness combine for a mouth-filling Riesling. **88**

St. Gabriel Spätlese Riesling 2006 – An inviting nose, though not overpower, leads to a tasty little wine with sweet notes that linger on your palate. **88**

IQ Riesling 2005 – A pleasant sweet acidic balance with a slight touch of green apple flavors. Easy to drink. **88**

Baron K' Riesling Kabinett 2005 – A most unique wine. Bit of a peachy flavor to it. Holds up well to food. **88**



Dr. Von Bassermann-Jordan Riesling Trocken 2005 Pfalz 2005 – Sharp acidity and quite tart. Very refreshing. An excellent example of a wine from the Pfalz region – good but not too complicated. **88**

Valckenberg Gewürztraminer Pfalz 2005 – Among so many Rieslings, this wine stands out not just because of its varietal but it has a good chalky component that makes you want to take another sip. **88**

Johann Falkenburg Riesling Auslese 2005 – A nose with hints of caramel that screams "Drink me!" Syrupy and elegant. Very good as an aperitif or even a dessert wine. **88**

J.J. Müller Piesporter Michelsberg 2004 – Slightly dry and well-balanced. A good alternative to German Rieslings. **87**

St. Gabriel Piesporter Michelsberg 2006 – Very tasty. This wine combines even amounts of acidity and sweetness without overdoing either. A well-made wine that works well by itself or even better with food. **87**

St. Christopher Piesporter Michelsberg Riesling Kabinett 2005 – There's almost no color to this wine but a fair amount of flavor. Good overall structure and balance with some sweetness. **87**

St. Gabriel Gewürztraminer 2005 – This one's a little different. You get a little apple and lime flavors on the palate with a touch of sweetness and a lasting finish. **86**

St. Christopher Piesporter Michelsberg 2005 – Light melon flavors with a touch of acidity and sweetness. Simple but enjoyable. **86**

Leonard Kreusch Riesling 2005 – Slightly dry with a touch of sweetness. Good basic Mosel offering. **86**

Twisted River "Late Harvest" Riesling Bin 488 2005 – Lighter than other Late Harvest Rieslings. Pleasant and easy to sip. A good intro to this style. **86**

J.J. Müller Riesling 2004 – Slightly sweet and tasty. What you would expect from a value-oriented German Riesling. **86**

St. Gabriel Riesling 2006 – Fresh and dry. A great little wine for Spring. Good with many different foods, too. **86**

Twisted River Riesling Bin 169 2005 – Sweet nose. Could use a little more punch on the finish. **84**



Guide to the Cork Report

90-100	Outstanding
80-89	Very Good
70-79	Good
Below 70	Really bad and probably won't even be mentioned