

RIESLING:

- One of the finest white varieties in the world
- High acid, low alcohol; typical notes of citrus, stone fruit, petrol
- Extraordinary longevity
- Range of styles from completely light and dry to very rich and sweet
- Home in Germany
- Ability to clearly transmit *terroir* while maintaining its unique style and characteristics

1) Hermann J. Wiemer Riesling Dry '10 – Finger Lakes, New York

- Lakes moderate climate so it stays cool in summer and warmer in winter
- 1960s Konstantin Frank planted vinifera varieties; 1970s Hermann J. Wiemer emphasized Riesling
- Overall, fresh and fruity; still learning differences between specific areas
- Range of styles from dry to late-harvest sweet wines produced

2) Pewsey Vale Dry Riesling '10 – Eden Valley, Australia

- Australian Rieslings are always dry
- Very minerally, concentrated style with high acid, lime, citrus blossom
- Clare Valley and Eden Valley are top areas
- After Germany, Australia has most Riesling planted in world

3) Trimbach Riesling Reserve '09 – Alsace, France

- Northern France but climate warmer/drier from influence of Vosges mountains
- Richer, rounder, very aromatic but bone dry (unless Vendange Tardive or Sélection de Grains Nobles)
- Varietal listed on label, not area (different from the rest of France)



4) Peter Jacob Kühn Quarzit Riesling Trocken '09 – Rheingau, Germany

- “Trocken” means the wine is dry
- Rheingau is very traditional area for almost exclusively Riesling (80%)
- Warmer area influenced by the Rhine River; results in fuller, more powerful style than Rieslings from the Mosel

5) Lagler 1000 Eimerberg Riesling Smaragd '10 – Wachau, Austria

- Austrian Rieslings are almost always dry; tend to be fuller-bodied than German Rieslings
- Wachau is preeminent area for Riesling: styles range from Steinfeder (lightest) to Federspiel (medium-bodied) to Smaragd (fullest)
- Styles are determined by must weight and final alcohol level

6) Schloss Schönborn Rudesheimer Berg Schlossberg Riesling Spätlese '97 – Rheingau, Germany

- Spätlese is a prädikat level: second in line after Kabinett, which is the lightest
- Prädikats are determined based on ripeness of grapes (sugar) at harvest:
Kabinett – Spätlese – Auslese – Beerenauslese – Trockenbeerenauslese – Eiswein
- Rudesheimer Berg Schlossberg = vineyard site of Berg Schlossberg within village of Rudesheim (think of *er* as we use *'s*)

