

**89 Coriole Shiraz McLaren Vale Redstone 2010 \$21** Dense in color, with transparent flavors of cherry, eucalyptus and tobacco harmonizing with firm tannins on the finish. Best from 2015 through 2018. 4,000 cases made.—H.S.

**89 Vinaceous Shiraz McLaren Vale Snake Charmer 2010 \$15** Fresh and vibrant, offering tightly coiled blackberry, tobacco and floral flavors backed by a layer of chewy tannins. Ready to spring when the texture softens. Best after 2015. 5,500 cases made.—H.S.

**88 Four Sisters Shiraz Central Victoria 2010 \$14** Sleek and spicy, corralling the blackberry and lychee fruit into a silky beam that dances onto the refined finish. Drink now through 2016. 3,000 cases imported.—H.S.

**88 Penfolds Shiraz Coonawarra Bin 128 2011 \$30** Fresh and inviting, with spicy overtones to the blackberry and peach flavors, finishing with fine tannins. Best after 2014. 11,500 cases imported.—H.S.

**88 Tahbilk Shiraz Nagamble Lakes 2009 \$19** Inviting, with orange peel and tea notes adding to the dark berry flavors, veering toward roasted meat on the finish. Drink now through 2016. 2,000 cases imported.—H.S.

**87 d'Arenberg Shiraz McLaren Vale The Footbolt 2010 \$20** A savory style, offering floral and mineral overtones to the blackberry and tea leaf flavors, finishing with refined tannins. Drink now through 2016. 5,000 cases imported.—H.S.

**87 The Lackey Shiraz South Australia 2010 \$15** Fresh and tight, offering focused blackberry and licorice flavors that dance through refined tannins on the finish. Drink now through 2016. 1,200 cases imported.—H.S.

**87 Layer Cake Shiraz South Australia 2011 \$16** Ripe and floral, with carnation and peppery lily notes weaving through the dark berry flavors, persisting against crisp tannins on the finish. Best from 2015 through 2018. 22,000 cases made.—H.S.

**87 Shoofly Shiraz South Australia 2011 \$14** Firm in texture, with grippy tannins around a sappy core of black currant and licorice flavors. Best from 2014 through 2017. 15,000 cases imported.—H.S.

**87 Woop Woop Shiraz South Eastern Australia 2011 \$14** Light and ingratiating, with pretty red berry and floral flavors, finishing with refinement. Drink now through 2015. 45,000 cases made.—H.S.

**86 Barossa Shiraz Barossa Valley 2011 \$16** Chewy tannins surround a sleek core of earthy berry and hay flavors, finishing with solid grip that needs time to unwind. Best after 2014. 3,000 cases made.—H.S.

**86 Paringa Shiraz South Australia 2011 \$11** A supple red, with stewed plum and spice flavors moving smoothly through the earthy finish. Best from 2015 through 2018. 15,000 cases made.—H.S.

**86 Penfolds Shiraz Adelaide Thomas Hyland 2011 \$15** Fresh and lively, with pretty blackberry and pear flavors set on a crisp frame. Drink now through 2015. 33,000 cases imported.—H.S.

## AUSTRALIA

### Other

**93 Lillypilly Noble Blend Riverina 2011 \$30/375ml** Dark and thick, with honey, tobacco, apricot and spice flavors, finishing with poached pear and more honey.

Shows depth and impressive length. Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon. Drink now through 2020. 800 cases made.—H.S.

**93 Yalumba Viognier Wrattonbully FSW88 Botrytis 2012 \$24/375ml** Silky, creamy, ultrasweet and fresh, offering layers of pear, vanilla and floral flavors that just won't quit on the beguiling finish. This has the intensity to improve with cellaring. Drink now through 2019. 70 cases imported.—H.S.

**92 Two Hands Grenache Barossa Valley Aerope 2010 \$134** Rich and expressive, with some restraint to the structure that allows the gently spicy plum and pomegranate flavors to glide smoothly and linger enticingly. Drink now through 2018. 150 cases made.—H.S.

**91 Kilikanoon Riesling Clare Valley Killerman's Run 2012 \$20** Light and tangy, with expressive flavors of peppery pineapple and citrus, persisting with vivid detail on the dry, open-weave finish. Drink now through 2020. 200 cases imported.—H.S.

**91 Lillypilly Fiumara Seven Riverina NV \$30/375ml** Rich and spicy, this is not very dark in color, but layered with toasted hazelnut, walnut and dried pineapple flavors that show hints of cherry and caramel in a sweet, heady mix. Lingers very well. Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Muscat. Drink now. 2,000 cases made.—H.S.

**90 Giant Steps Chardonnay Yarra Valley Sexton Vineyard 2011 \$42** Silky and appealing, offering pineapple-accented pear and spice flavors riding on a sleek frame. Not tart, but lively in feel, with a persistent finish. Drink now through 2015. 300 cases imported.—H.S.

**90 Thorn-Clarke Australia Tawny Australia 18 Year Old Rare NV \$31/500ml** Dark and sweet, with coffee and allspice notes weaving through a fairly sweet layer of tea, walnut and crème brûlée. Persists nicely. Drink now. 900 cases made.—H.S.

**89 Two Hands Brave Faces Barossa Valley 2011 \$45** This spicy red offers distinctive black peppercorn aromatics surrounding a restrained core of plum and berry fruit, echoing on the finish. Grenache, Mataro and Shiraz. Drink now through 2016. 2,000 cases made.—H.S.

**88 Four Sisters Chardonnay Central Victoria 2011 \$14** Fresh and vital, this compact style focuses pear, melon and delicate spice flavors into a shiny beam. Finishes with finesse. Drink now through 2016. 1,500 cases imported.—H.S.

**88 Havoc & Mayhem Grenache McLaren Vale Wreak Havoc 2012 \$14** This charming red brims with red berry and spice flavors that linger on the refined finish. Drink now. 3,000 cases made.—H.S.

**88 Rosemount Sauvignon Blanc South Eastern Australia Diamond Label 2012 \$9** Silky and fresh, offering bright acidity and nectarine and herb flavors, with a lingering lime blossom note adding interest. Drink now. 2,500 cases imported.—H.S.

**87 Havoc & Mayhem Chardonnay McLaren Vale Absolute Mayhem 2012 \$13** Fresh and sleek, with pretty pear and green olive flavors that slide onto the expressive finish. Drink now. 2,000 cases made.—H.S.

**85 Frisk Riesling Victoria-South Australia Prickly 2012 \$11** Soft, with a light fizz to the pear and floral flavors. Drink now. 15,000 cases imported.—H.S.

**85 Lindemans Sauvignon Blanc South Eastern Australia Bin 95 2012 \$7** See Best Values, page 106.

## AUSTRIA

### Grüner Veltliner / Kremstal

**94 Rainer Wess Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Pfaffenberg Reserve 2011 \$38** A rich and luxuriant style, this is loaded with flavors of baked apple, ripe melon, ruby grapefruit and wild berry

accented with notes of smoke and spice, an array of pastry and cream accents extending to a berantly juicy finish. Drink now through 2019. 100 cases imported.—K.M.

**93 Berger Grüner Veltliner Trocken Kremstal Gebting Reserve 2011 \$27** and creamy, with a complex mix of wild cherry, lentil, melon and ripe gooseberry flavors, and fresh, offering a lilting midpalate and lavender. The mouthwatering finish of vanilla bean and smoke. Drink now. 150 cases imported.—K.M.

**92 Buchegger Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Gebting 2011 \$21** Ripe and rich, with a complex mix of white fruit, ginger and lemon curd flavors that feature plenty of lushness. Very creamy midpalate, with a sculpted finish of mint and allspice that lingers with hints of white chocolate. Drink now. 150 cases imported.—K.M.

**92 Buchegger Grüner Veltliner Trocken Kremstal Pfarrweingarten 2011 \$31** Ripe and smoky, with good cut of ruby grapefruit, lemon curd, honey and rich, this offers spicy notes that extend to an apple tart-accented finish. Drink now. 467 cases made.—K.M.

**92 Nigl Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Alte Reben 2011 \$38** Ripe and rich, showing plenty of verve to the rich flavors of peach, wild cherry and baked pineapple. Luxuriant midpalate, offering a long and lingering finish. Drink now. 14 cases imported.—K.M.

**92 Josef Schmid Grüner Veltliner Trocken Kremstal Kremser Gebting 2011 \$38** A focused and creamy style, offering a delicious ripe apple, grapefruit and glazed apricot candied ginger and dried mango notes. Drink now through 2020. 112 cases imported.—K.M.

**91 Berger Grüner Veltliner Trocken Kremstal Lössterrassen 2011 \$27** and well-proportioned, with floral and mineral notes, and fresh-cut apple, ripe pear and jasmine. Drink now through 2020. 14 cases imported.—K.M.

**91 Forstreiter Grüner Veltliner Trocken Kremstal Grande Reserve 2011 \$38** and exuberantly creamy, this is filled with notes that drape over the rich flavors of ripe melon and candied ginger. Compelling with a firm frame and a rich finish that features white plum and cherry. Drink now through 2020. 14 cases imported.—K.M.

**91 Josef Schmid Grüner Veltliner Trocken Kremstal Alte Reben Reserve 2011 \$38** The grapefruit and apple flavors are for in this vibrant and mineral-infused Grüner Veltliner and dried herbs filling in on the textured finish. Drink now through 2020. 14 cases imported.—K.M.

**90 Forstreiter Grüner Veltliner Trocken Kremstal Kremser Kögl 2011 \$38** delicate white offers interesting notes of pear, join the fresh-cut apple and green peach snappy style. The well-sculpted finish of ripe pepper lingers with hints of orange pomegranate. Drink now through 2019. Tasted twice, with consistency. 150 cases made.—K.M.

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**75ml** Silky, creamy, ultrasweet  
...s of pear, vanilla and floral flavors  
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**Grenache Barossa Valley Aerope**  
...d expressive, with some restraint  
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**Clare Valley Killerman's**  
...and tangy, with expressive flavors  
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**Seven Riverina NV**  
...d spicy, this is not very dark in  
...roasted hazelnut, walnut and dried  
...ow hints of cherry and caramel in  
...agers very well. Shiraz, Cabernet  
...rink now. 2,000 cases made.—H.S.

**Chardonnay Yarra Valley Sexton**  
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**Sauvignon Blanc South Eastern**  
**\$7** See Best Values, page 106.

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**Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein**  
**ffenberg Reserve 2011 \$38**  
...e, this is loaded with flavors of  
...ruby grapefruit and wild berry

accented with notes of smoke and spice. A concentrated  
array of pastry and cream accents extend onto the ex-  
uberantly juicy finish. Drink now through 2024. 20 cases  
imported.—K.M.

**93 Berger Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein**  
**Trocken Kremstal Gebling Reserve 2011 \$27** Lush  
and creamy, with a complex mix of white peach, guava,  
lentil, melon and ripe gooseberry flavors. Refined, pure  
and fresh, offering a lilted midpalate of orange blossom  
and lavender. The mouthwatering finish features hints  
of vanilla bean and smoke. Drink now through 2022. 14  
cases imported.—K.M.

**92 Buchegger Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein**  
**Trocken Kremstal Gebling 2011 \$21**  
Ripe and rich, with a complex mix  
of white fruit, ginger and lemon  
curd flavors that feature plenty of  
lusciousness. Very creamy midpal-  
ate, with a sculpted finish of mint  
and allspice that lingers with hints  
of white chocolate. Drink now. 150  
cases imported.—K.M.



WALTER BUCHEGGER  
Owner & Winemaker

**92 Buchegger Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein**  
**Trocken Kremstal Pfarrweingarten Reserve 2010**  
**\$31** Ripe and smoky, with good cut to the firm flavors  
of ruby grapefruit, lemon curd, honey and verbena. Thick  
and rich, this offers spicy notes that extend on the pow-  
erful, apple tart-accented finish. Drink now through 2020.  
467 cases made.—K.M.

**92 Nigl Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken**  
**Kremstal Alte Reben 2011 \$38** Redolent of ripe cit-  
rus, showing plenty of verve to the richly spiced flavors  
of peach, wild cherry and baked pineapple. Delivers a  
luxuriant midpalate, offering a long and vibrant finish of  
pastry, licorice and candied apple. Drink now through  
2022. 14 cases imported.—K.M.

**92 Josef Schmid Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein**  
**Trocken Kremstal Kremser Gebling Reserve 2009**  
**\$38** A focused and creamy style, offering a core of lus-  
cious ripe apple, grapefruit and glazed apricot flavors, with  
candied ginger and dried mango notes and a plush finish.  
Drink now through 2020. 112 cases imported.—K.M.

**91 Berger Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein**  
**Trocken Kremstal Lössterrassen 2011 \$21** Sleek  
and well-proportioned, with floral and mineral elements  
to the fresh-cut apple, ripe pear and jasmine flavors. Lemon  
curd and spice notes linger on the fresh, pure and juicy fin-  
ish. Drink now through 2020. 14 cases imported.—K.M.

**91 Forstreiter Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein**  
**Trocken Kremstal Grande Reserve 2011 \$20** Plush  
and exuberantly creamy, this is filled with plenty of spicy  
notes that drape over the rich flavors of peach cobbler,  
ripe melon and candied ginger. Complex and alluring,  
with a firm frame and a rich finish that features a core of  
white plum and cherry. Drink now through 2022. 1,400  
cases made.—K.M.

**91 Josef Schmid Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein**  
**Trocken Kremstal Alte Reben Reserve 2009 \$37**  
The grapefruit and apple flavors are forthright and crisp  
in this vibrant and mineral-infused Grüner, with notes of  
lentil and dried herbs filling in on the lively and finely  
textured finish. Drink now through 2019. 112 cases  
imported.—K.M.

**90 Forstreiter Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein**  
**Trocken Kremstal Kremser Kögl 2011 \$14** This  
delicate white offers interesting notes of dried herbs that  
join the fresh-cut apple and green peach flavors in this  
snappy style. The well-sculpted finish of mineral and white  
pepper lingers with hints of orange peel. Drink now  
through 2019. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 6,000  
cases made.—K.M.

**90 Rainer Wess Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein**  
**Trocken Kremstal 2011 \$16** Rich and  
well-spiced, with a good interplay  
of ripe gooseberry, orange blossom,  
lavender and peach flavors that are  
elegant and airy. The long finish  
bursts with candied citrus and glazed  
apricot notes. Drink now through  
2020. 250 cases imported.—K.M.



RAINER WESS  
Owner & Winemaker

**89 Stadt Kreams Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein**  
**Trocken Kremstal 2011 \$16** A succulent, delicate  
white, with juicy flavors of ripe red peach, melon and  
cherry that are accented by lively spicy notes. Finishes  
with hints of lavender and fresh cream. Drink now through  
2018. 1,600 cases imported.—K.M.

**89 Stadt Kreams Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein**  
**Trocken Kremstal Wachtberg Reserve 2011 \$40**  
Features a ripe aroma, with tropical fruit flavors of dried  
mango and baked pineapple accented by mint and resin  
notes. The finish reveals hints of mineral, slate and white  
pepper. Drink now through 2017. 400 cases made.—K.M.

**89 Nigl Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken**  
**Kremstal Freiheit 2011 \$22** There's fine balance and  
intensity to the delicate flavors of white peach, lilac, apri-  
cot and guava, which are backed up by fresh acidity. Light  
cream and allspice notes linger on the moderately rich fin-  
ish. Drink now through 2018. 1,400 cases imported.—K.M.

**89 Nigl Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken**  
**Kremstal Senftenberger Piri 2011 \$28** This offers  
a firm core of ripe apple, baked peach and melon supported  
by vibrant acidity. Spice and smoke notes linger on the  
finish of ripe grapefruit and allspice. Drink now through  
2018. 14 cases imported.—K.M.

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Grüner Veltliner / Wachau

**93 Franz Hirtzberger Grüner Veltliner Smaragd**  
**Trocken Wachau Kirchweg 2011 \$46** Features an  
effusively fruity aroma, boasting a rich mix of ripe tropical  
fruit and spice flavors. Powerful and well-structured, this  
delivers vibrant notes of savory herb and lentil. The creamy  
elements on the finish are joined by an engaging mineral-  
ity. Drink now through 2020. 40 cases imported.—K.M.

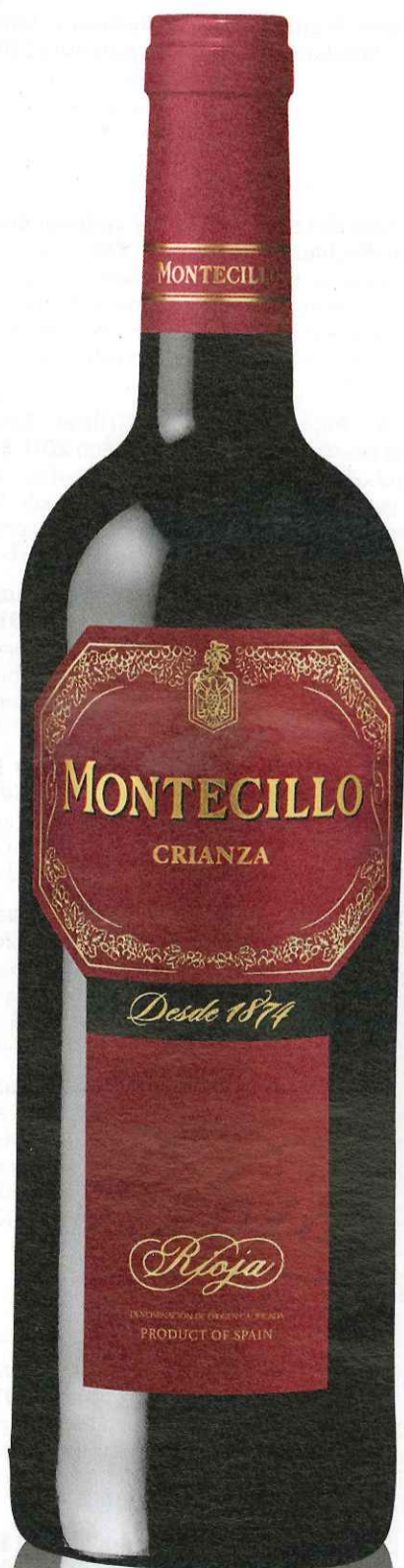
**93 F.X. Pichler Grüner Veltliner Smaragd**  
**Trocken Wachau Dürnsteiner Kellerberg 2011 \$88**  
Lithe, rich and effusively mineral, this offers some saline  
notes to the lively mix of red peach, wild cherry and white  
plum flavors. Interesting elements of slate and dried herbs  
add to the complexity, revealing accents of lemon that  
linger on the broad-brushed finish. Drink now through  
2022. 40 cases imported.—K.M.

**92 F.X. Pichler Grüner Veltliner Smaragd**  
**Trocken Wachau Dürnsteiner Liebenberg 2011 \$67**  
A peachy aroma leads to powerful flavors of pear, dried  
pineapple and apricot. White chocolate hints lend added  
richness and complexity, culminating in a voluptuous fin-  
ish. Drink now through 2022. 40 cases imported.—K.M.

**92 F.X. Pichler Grüner Veltliner Smaragd**  
**Trocken Wachau M 2011 \$86** Delivers light smoky  
notes to the ripe, plush flavors of candied ginger, baked yam  
and dried pear, balanced by crisp minerality. Complex and  
rich, with stony notes that mix well on the spicy, powerful  
finish. Drink now through 2022. 40 cases imported.—K.M.

**92 Rainer Wess Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein**  
**Trocken Wachau Süssenberg 2011 \$25** This white  
has a rich, golden color, offering effusively spiced flavors  
of raisin, peach, pear, apple and melon wrapped in a silky  
texture. The long, lush and creamy finish features a  
mouthfilling intensity. Drink now through 2018. 20 cases  
imported.—K.M.

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**91 F.X. Pichler Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Trocken Wachau Loibner Loibenberg 2011 \$67** Supple, with allspice notes to apple compote, red currant and dried berry flavors. The open-textured finish has lemon curd and tarragon hints, lingering with spice and minerality. Drink now through 2020. 45 cases imported.—K.M.

**91 Rudi Pichler Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Trocken Wachau Wösendorfer Kollmütz 2011 \$75** Firm and stony, with focused and pure-tasting flavors of concentrated dried apple, pear and apricot. Well-structured, this delivers accents of celery salt on the finish, accompanied by hints of white pepper and crushed mineral. Best after 2020. 600 cases made.—K.M.

**90 Franz Hirtzberger Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Trocken Wachau Rotes Tor 2011 \$34** There's a crisp, vibrant acidity to the dense savory herb and ripe tropical fruit flavors, including muscadine notes of dried pineapple, melon and mango. Lentil and ripe gooseberry elements linger on the finish. Drink now through 2020. 200 cases imported.—K.M.

**90 F.X. Pichler Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Trocken Wachau Urgestein Terrassen 2011 \$43** A steely and saline quality infuses this snappy white, with flavors of green peach, marmalade and celery salt. Focused and crisp on the finish, offering notes of glazed apricot and spice. Drink now through 2020. 50 cases imported.—K.M.

**90 Pichler-Krutzler Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Wachau Wunderburg 2011 \$53** Citrus zest notes enliven baked apple, lentil and ripe grapefruit flavors in this white, accented by wafts of light smoke. Pure and powerful on the finish, with a focused minerality. Drink now through 2020. 25 cases imported.—K.M.

**89 Franz Hirtzberger Grüner Veltliner Feder-spiel Trocken Wachau Rotes Tor 2011 \$34** Firm yet plush, with well-focused gooseberry, lentil and wild cherry flavors that are filled with mineral notes. Crunchy finish. Drink now through 2017. 200 cases imported.—K.M.

**89 Pichler-Krutzler Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Wachau Klostersatz 2011 \$26** The green gooseberry and lemon-lime flavors are focused, crisp and supported by a well of fresh acidity. The ripe finish features notes of candied tangerine and dried apricot. Drink now through 2016. 100 cases imported.—K.M.

**89 Pichler-Krutzler Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Wachau Supperin 2011 \$45** A savory style, with concentrated dried basil notes to the apple compote, pear tart and lemon curd flavors, all supported by zesty acidity. Features hints of lentil and mild curry. Drink now through 2018. 20 cases imported.—K.M.

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### Grüner Veltliner / Other

**92 Familie Brandl Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Pfaffenberg 2011 \$24** Powerful and refined, featuring a heady mix of ripe citrus, fresh-cut apple and baked citrus flavors that are joined by rich notes of ginger, lentil and allspice. Offers a custard-filled finish. Drink now through 2018.—K.M.

**91 Loimer Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Terrassen Reserve 2011 \$37** Features aromas and flavors of ripe tropical fruits, with spice-filled notes of dried ginger and quince. Some savory elements linger midpalate, offering a finish of vanilla and hickory smoke. Exotically rich. Drink now through 2020. 1,600 cases made.—K.M.

**89 Buchegger Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Niederösterreich Holzgasse 2011 \$18** This has a ripe lushness to the creamy flavors of white plum, wild cherry and Gala apple that show notes of golden raisin. Features lavender and nutmeg on the spicy finish. Drink now through 2016. 300 cases imported.—K.M.

**88 Biohof Pratsch Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Niederösterreich Rotenpüllen 2011 \$20** Ripe pineapple, melon and guava flavors dominate this balanced and zesty Grüner. The finish powers through with rich spice notes and hints of smoke. Drink now through 2017. 3,000 cases made.—K.M.

**88 Huber Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Traisental Alte Setzen Reserve 2011 \$38** Well-structured, featuring notes of green herb and spice to the crisp flavors of green apple, grapefruit and white peach. Mineral and slate accents power the finish. Drink now. 1,150 cases made.—K.M.

**88 Soellner Roter Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Wagram Sonnseit'n 2011 \$18** Fruity, with richness to the ripe pineapple, baked apple and pear tart flavors, revealing smoky notes. Pastry notes linger on the finish. Drink now through 2017. 25 cases imported.—K.M.

**87 Forstreiter Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Niederösterreich Grooner 2011 \$13** Offers enticing aromas of lilac and freesia, with a crisp richness to the apple pie and peach cobbler flavors. The broad and creamy finish features spicy notes. Drink now through 2016. 2,000 cases imported.—K.M.

**87 Huber Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Niederösterreich Hugo 2011 \$13** Bright and open-textured, showing plenty of citrus notes to the pippin apple and nectarine flavors, supported by fresh acidity. Savory herbs grace the finish. Drink now.—K.M.

**87 Pfaffl Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Niederösterreich Austrian Pepper 2011 \$14** Firm, with racy flavors of grapefruit, mineral, lentil and spice supported by zesty acidity. Hints of crushed violet and freesia grace the finish. Drink now through 2017. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 18,000 cases made.—K.M.

**87 Zantho Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Burgenland 2011 \$15** Medium-bodied, with firm acidity to the fresh-cut apple, grapefruit and wild plum flavors that show notes of lemon curd. Features sea salt on the finish. Drink now. 16,000 cases made.—K.M.

**84 Franz Etz Grüner Veltliner Landwein Austria 2011 \$13** This offers Golden Delicious and wild cherry flavors. The soft finish delivers some spicy notes. Drink now. 20,000 cases made.—K.M.

## AUSTRIA

### Riesling

**93 Josef Schmid Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Sunogeln Priorissa 2005 \$40** Powerful, rich and bursting with a luscious mix of dried fig, glazed peach, ripe citrus and dried basil. Intensely creamy midpalate, this features plenty of ginger notes, finishing ripe and plush, with concentrated accents of spice and mineral. Drink now through 2024. 112 cases imported.—K.M.

**92 Bründlmayer Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Heiligenstein 2011 \$37** A racy style, with precise, melded flavors of Key lime pie, rose petal, spice and fennel. Grapefruit and lemon zest notes linger on the mineral-infused finish, revealing hints of white pepper. Drink now through 2022. 50 cases imported.—K.M.



WILLI BRÜNDLMAYER  
Owner & Winemaker

**92 Schloss Gobelsburg Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Gaisberg Reserve 2011 \$34** Complex and rich, with a crisp, savory allure to the ripe tangerine, lemon-lime and gooseberry flavors, this features notes of lightly salted almond. Minerally and powerful on the finish, complemented by hints of dried apricot. Drink now through 2022. 28 cases imported.—K.M.

**92 Schloss Gobelsburg Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Heiligenstein Reserve 2011 \$62** Vibrant and concentrated, featuring juicy flavors of ripe lime, red peach and Meyer lemon, accompanied by notes of fresh-cut apple and spice. The mouthwatering finish shows some candied melon hints. Drink now through 2020. 28 cases imported.—K.M.

**92 Stadt Krems Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Grillenparz Reserve 2011 \$40** Features aromas and flavors of peach and cream, with a rich mix of baked apple, pear tart and almond, showing hints of smoke. The long, lush finish is filled with glazed apricot. Drink now through 2020. 390 cases made.—K.M.

**92 F.X. Pichler Riesling Smaragd Trocken Wachau Loibner Loibenberg 2011 \$75** Intense and pure, featuring an aroma of white pepper and a minerally cast to the flavors of red peach, accented by anise and dried basil. Quince and lemon peel hints enliven the crisp finish. Drink now through 2020. 50 cases imported.—K.M.

**91 Familie Brandl Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Kogelberg Reserve 2011 \$40** Creamy and rich-tasting, delivering a spicy mix of ripe quince, peach, Fuji apple and dried apricot flavors supported by plenty of fresh acidity. The honeyed notes linger on the plush finish. Drink now through 2020.—K.M.

**91 Buchegger Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Tiefenthal Reserve 2011 \$28** A powerful mix of floral and ripe white fruit flavors gives this a rich, languid edge, revealing toasty elements and plenty of spice. Finishes with a bold assortment of lemon curd and pastry notes. Drink now through 2019. 467 cases made.—K.M.

**91 Birgit Eichinger Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Gaisberg Reserve 2011 \$27** Offers luscious flavors of ripe citrus, glazed apricot and ruby grapefruit, offset by plenty of creaminess. The lingering finish echoes with vibrant notes of red raspberry, currant and spice, revealing hints of honey. Drink now through 2022. 50 cases imported.—K.M.

**91 Birgit Eichinger Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Heiligenstein Reserve 2011 \$36** Baked peach, ripe nectarine and wild plum flavors show a savory essence, with some mineral notes. Smoky and plush on the finish, with hints of cream and plenty of spice. Drink now through 2020. 20 cases imported.—K.M.

**91 F.X. Pichler Riesling Smaragd Halbtrocken Wachau M Reserve 2011 \$86** Ripe melon and marshmallow flavors dominate this juicy white, layered with ripe citrus and tropical fruit flavors. Creamy midpalate, with a finish of smoke and spice. Drink now through 2018. 20 cases imported.—K.M.

**91 Pichler-Krutzler Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Wachau Loibenberg 2011 \$41** The savory aroma shows hints of white pepper, rounded out by mouth-watering flavors of rich citrus, apple, butter and pear. There's plenty of cedar and spice on the finish, with a creamy plushness. Drink now through 2020. 25 cases imported.—K.M.

**90 Familie Brandl Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Heiligenstein Reserve 2011 \$40** Features a ripe, floral aroma, with flavors of glazed pear, apricot and lychee fruit. Smoky notes chime in on the full, rich finish, offering overtones of pastry and custard. Drink now through 2020.—K.M.

**90 Bründlmayer Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Terrassen 2011 \$23** Candied citrus, glazed apricot and golden raisin flavors give this a rich character matched to an intense creaminess and spiciness. Hints of mineral and sea salt appear on the zesty finish. 300 cases imported.—K.M.

**90 Buchegger Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Moosbergerin Reserve 2011 \$39** There's a powerful mineral component to the savory herb, white peach and apple pastry flavors in this white, modulated

by a rich creaminess. Features a long, s...  
Drink now through 2020. 450 cases ma...

**90 Hirsch Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Zöbbling 2011 \$26** The ripe and candied basil flavors feature some s...  
this medium-bodied white, which is pu...  
on the finish, with glazed citrus and s...  
through 2018. 56 cases imported.—K.M.

**90 Nigl Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Dornleiten 2011 \$28** Flush with lemon curd, savory herb and spice flav...  
fresh acidity, this delivers ripe citrus...  
finish of smoke and hints of cedar. Exp...  
Drink now through 2018. 60 cases impo...

**89 Bründlmayer Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Steinmassel 2011 \$32** A gerine and Meyer lemon flavors is supp...  
acidity and minerality. The fruit and spi...  
through to the rich finish of apple pa...  
through 2018. 50 cases imported.—K.M.

**89 F.X. Pichler Riesling Smaragd Trocken Wachau Loibner Steinertal 2011 \$43** Savory herb and mineral notes, this fe...  
lemon zest and spice. The snappy finish...  
anise and wild berry. Drink now throug...  
imported.—K.M.

**89 Rainer Wess Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Pfaffenberg Reserve 2011 \$28** This version is filled with baked pineapple, r...  
peach cobbler flavors that feature cand...  
Offers a complex finish of white chocol...  
anise. Drink now through 2017. 130 cases...

**88 Birgit Eichinger Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Vom Berg 2011 \$22** Crisp and fresh-cut apple and wild cherry flavors ac...  
notes. Elegant rose petal and light miner...  
on the powerful yet restrained finish. Dr...  
2016. 100 cases imported.—K.M.

**88 Karl Lagler Riesling Federweisser Trocken Kamptal Setzberg 2011 \$25** This delicate wit...  
ter pastry notes wrapped around baked ap...  
flavors. Delivers engaging minerality, wi...  
acidity lingering on the fresh-tasting fi...  
through 2018.—K.M.

**88 Loimer Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal 2011 \$25** Crisp and savory...  
mineral notes of slate and sea salt to the...  
tangerine flavors. Hints of tarragon app...  
Drink now through 2016. 150 cases impo...

## AUSTRIA

### Dessert

**96 Kracher Chardonnay Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Nouvelle Vague No. 4 2010 \$90/375ml** A thick, rich and powerful sweetie, with concentrated flavors of ripe pineapple, melon and glazed apricot that are full and lush. Very creamy and spicy, this oozes with pure honey notes, lingering on the slightly savory finish. Drink now through 2045. 50 cases made.—K.M.

**95 Kracher Chardonnay Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Nouvelle Vague No. 1120** Shows an essence of apricot nectar, with notes to the thick, rich flavors of ripe peach, chocolate, candied cherry and peach cobbler. The finish is pillowy, revealing ripe melon, nut and cedar notes. Drink now through 2045. 50 cases made.—K.M.

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**Burg Riesling Qualitätswein Eigenstein Reserve 2011 \$62**

ed, featuring juicy flavors of ripe lemon, accompanied by notes of spice. The mouthwatering finish has melon hints. Drink now through 2020.—K.M.

**Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Reserve 2011 \$40**

Features peach and cream, with a rich mix of almond, showing hints of vanilla. The finish is filled with glazed apricot. Drink now through 2018. 390 cases made.—K.M.

**Riesling Smaragd Trocken Kamptal Zöbing 2011 \$26**

The ripe ruby grapefruit and candied basil flavors feature some sweet pea notes in this medium-bodied white, which is pure and minerally on the finish, with glazed citrus and spice. Drink now through 2018. 56 cases imported.—K.M.

**Nigl Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Dornleiten 2011 \$28**

Flush with crisp mineral, lemon curd, savory herb and spice flavors supported by fresh acidity, this delivers ripe citrus midpalate, with a finish of smoke and hints of cedar. Expressive and rich. Drink now through 2018. 60 cases imported.—K.M.

**Bründlmayer Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Steinmassel 2011 \$32**

A lively mix of tangerine and Meyer lemon flavors is supported by crunchy acidity and minerality. The fruit and spice elements power through to the rich finish of apple pastry. Drink now through 2018. 50 cases imported.—K.M.

**F.X. Pichler Riesling Smaragd Trocken Wachau Loibner Steinertal 2011 \$65**

Filled with savory herb and mineral notes, this features flavors of lemon zest and spice. The snappy finish reveals traces of anise and wild berry. Drink now through 2018. 40 cases imported.—K.M.

**Rainer Wess Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Pfaffenberg Reserve 2011 \$75**

This ripe version is filled with baked pineapple, roasted apple and peach cobbler flavors that feature candied ginger notes. Offers a complex finish of white chocolate, with hints of anise. Drink now through 2017. 130 cases imported.—K.M.

**Birgit Eichinger Riesling Qualitätswein Kamptal Vom Berg 2011 \$22**

Crunchy, featuring fresh-cut apple and wild cherry flavors accented by savory notes. Elegant rose petal and light mineral accents appear on the powerful yet restrained finish. Drink now through 2016. 100 cases imported.—K.M.

**Karl Lagler Riesling Federspiel Wachau Setzberg 2011 \$25**

This delicate wine offers rich butter pastry notes wrapped around baked apple and ripe pear flavors. Delivers engaging minerality, with a flush of crisp acidity lingering on the fresh-tasting finish. Drink now through 2018.—K.M.

**Loimer Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal 2011 \$25**

Crisp and savory, with expressive mineral notes of slate and sea salt to the pippin apple and tangerine flavors. Hints of tarragon appear on the finish. Drink now through 2016. 150 cases imported.—K.M.

by a rich creaminess. Features a long, spice-filled finish. Drink now through 2020. 450 cases made.—K.M.

**90 Hirsch Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kamptal Zöbing 2011 \$26**

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**89 F.X. Pichler Riesling Smaragd Trocken Wachau Loibner Steinertal 2011 \$65**

Filled with savory herb and mineral notes, this features flavors of lemon zest and spice. The snappy finish reveals traces of anise and wild berry. Drink now through 2018. 40 cases imported.—K.M.

**89 Rainer Wess Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Pfaffenberg Reserve 2011 \$75**

This ripe version is filled with baked pineapple, roasted apple and peach cobbler flavors that feature candied ginger notes. Offers a complex finish of white chocolate, with hints of anise. Drink now through 2017. 130 cases imported.—K.M.

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**AUSTRIA Dessert**

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Owner & Winemaker

**95 Kracher Chardonnay Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Nouvelle Vague No. 11 2009 \$95/375ml**

Shows an essence of apricot nectar, with decadent spicy notes to the thick, rich flavors of ripe pineapple, white chocolate, candied cherry and peach cobbler. The endless finish is pillowy, revealing ripe melon, nutmeg and lavender notes. Drink now through 2045. 50 cases made.—K.M.

**95 Kracher Scheurebe Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Zwischen den Seen No. 10 2010 \$125/375ml**

Fruity and lush, with vivid cherry, berry and dark currant flavors that show a racy edge. Marmalade notes come to the fore, revealing savory elements that linger on the cream- and spice-filled finish. Fresh and lustrous. Drink now through 2042. 200 cases made.—K.M.

**95 Kracher Traminer Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Nouvelle Vague No. 8 2010 \$100/375ml**

Rich and well-crafted, offering deep and rich flavors of peach, apricot, golden raisin and allspice layered with cream and butterscotch. Light on its feet, this displays plenty of vibrant acidity and a long, plush and unctuous finish. Drink now through 2040. 75 cases made.—K.M.

**94 Kracher Muskat Ottonel Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Zwischen den Seen No. 2 2010 \$80/375ml**

A zesty sweetie, with a savory edge to the red peach, Fuji apple and gooseberry flavors, displaying a luxuriant minerality. Floral notes linger on the finish, offering a rich spiciness and plenty of sage honey elements. Drink now through 2040. 75 cases made.—K.M.

**94 Kracher Traminer Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Nouvelle Vague No. 5 2009 \$86/375ml**

A rich mix of crushed red fruit and ripe melon fills this luscious and rich dessert-style white. Deeply colored, this delivers plenty of plushness to the butterscotch and honey cream flavors, lingering with some sage notes on the finish. Drink now through 2045. 75 cases made.—K.M.

**94 Kracher Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Grande Cuvée Nouvelle Vague No. 6 2010 \$92/375ml**

Butter cream notes abound in this big and juicy sweetie, featuring ripe pear, apple and peach flavors, with some candied ginger notes. Viscous and spicy at midpalate, this delivers a long and custardy, yet crisp, finish that goes on and on. Welschriesling and Chardonnay. Drink now through 2045. 225 cases made.—K.M.

**94 Kracher Welschriesling Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Zwischen den Seen No. 7 2010 \$100/375ml**

An unctuous dessert-style white, with a creamy texture and loads of full and rich flavors of ripe peach, pear, apricot and honey. Hums on the finish, displaying a long flush of spice and wild cherry. Drink now through 2036. 150 cases made.—K.M.

**93 Kracher Chardonnay Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Nouvelle Vague No. 9 2010 \$90/375ml**

Intense, with spicy aromas and flavors, featuring ripe pear, peach and candied quince flavors alongside some jellied citrus notes. Backed by lively acidity, this boasts a finish of custard, hibiscus and butterscotch. Drink now through 2040. 50 cases made.—K.M.

**93 Kracher Muskat Ottonel Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Zwischen den Seen No. 4 2009 \$80/375ml**

Big and thick, filled with rich butter cream, ripe pear and baked apple flavors that show white chocolate and chamomile accents. There's an unctuous spiciness on the finish, with ripe gooseberry and caramel notes. Drink now through 2040. 25 cases imported.—K.M.

**93 Kracher Scheurebe Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Zwischen den Seen No. 2 2009 \$70/375ml**

Features a deep well of ripe pear, glazed apricot and candied quince flavors that are thick with floral and spice notes. Hints of dried ginger and white pepper, accompanied by plenty of creamy notes, linger on the finish. Drink now through 2040. 25 cases imported.—K.M.

**93 Kracher Scheurebe Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Zwischen den Seen No. 3 2010 \$80/375ml**

Shows a note of chamomile to the viscous golden raisin, ripe apple and pear tart flavors, exhibiting plenty of luscious creaminess. Anise and pineapple hints appear on the long, rich and spice-infused finish. Drink now through 2038. 150 cases made.—K.M.

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**93 Kracher Welschriesling Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Zwischen den Seen No. 11 2010 \$105/375ml** Features an essence of apricot nectar, with plush and well-spiced flavors of peach pie, apple cobbler and cream that are mouthfilling and rich. Delivers a long, fat finish of lemon curd. Drink now through 2030. 150 cases made.—K.M.

**93 Kracher Welschriesling Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Zwischen den Seen No. 3 2009 \$72/375ml** A fresh, fruity style, with good focus and precision to the baked peach, pear tart and candied yam flavors, offering concentrated notes of ginger and nutmeg. Accents of marshmallow and cream fill the finish. Drink now through 2042. 25 cases imported.—K.M.

**92 Kracher Auslese Burgenland Cuvée 2010 \$23/375ml** A lively and balanced sweetie, offering honeyed and creamy notes of peach, apricot and wild sage. Golden raisin and allspice accents linger on the vivid finish. Welschriesling and Chardonnay. Drink now through 2024. 225 cases imported.—K.M.

**92 Kracher Beerenauslese Burgenland Cuvée 2009 \$35/375ml** Rich and creamy, with a vibrant array of lush apricot, peach and Fuji apple flavors that show butterscotch and dried quince elements. The long finish has plenty of honeyed notes. Welschriesling and Chardonnay. Drink now through 2032. 1,400 cases made.—K.M.

**92 Kracher Burgenland LO9A Nouvelle Vague No. 7 NV \$90/375ml** The flavors of raspberry jam, spice, cherry and plum are broad and luscious, with notes of ginger and cinnamon. This has a crisp acidity, showing accents of dark currant and black fig on the finish. Drink now through 2035. 25 cases imported.—K.M.

**92 Kracher Welschriesling Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Zwischen den Seen No. 1 2009 \$72/375ml** Ripe, thick and full of luscious floral and smoke flavors, this features notes of marzipan and nutmeg. Gooseberry and candied quince accents are joined by a dried ginger hint on the broad, zesty finish. Drink now through 2038. 100 cases made.—K.M.

**92 Kracher Zweigelt Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Nouvelle Vague No. 5 2010 \$90/375ml** The spiced plum and luscious red berry flavors are fresh and focused in this sweetie. Notes of cinnamon and nutmeg lead to the long, spice-filled finish of hoisin sauce and marmalade. Drink now. 50 cases made.—K.M.

**91 Höppler Beerenauslese Burgenland NV \$32/375ml** A thick sweetie, with a rich smoky essence to the dried apricot and peach cobbler flavors. Features a mature-tasting finish of white chocolate and marzipan. Chardonnay, Sämbling 88 (Scheurebe) and Grüner Veltliner. Drink now through 2030. 800 cases made.—K.M.

**91 Höppler Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland 2008 \$48/375ml** Juicy and fresh, with a snap of acidity behind the honey cream, ripe apple and baked pear flavors. Spice and mineral accents linger on the rich finish, with smoky notes. Sämbling 88 (Scheurebe) and Chardonnay. Drink now through 2035. 550 cases made.—K.M.

## CHILE

**92 Viña Polkura Syrah Marchigue 2010 \$23** A dark, beefy red, with brooding layers of roasted game, olive paste and tar complementing the concentrated cassis and plum skin fruit character. Dense, delivering ample structure for mid-term cellaring. Best from 2014 through 2019. 3,550 cases made.—N.W.

**91 Viña Koyle Carmenère Colchagua Valley Royale 2010 \$26** This compact red needs air in order to open up the core of crushed wild berry and dark black currant notes, tightly wound with fine tannins and hints of tobacco, graphite and spice. Best from 2014 through 2019. 13,000 cases made.—N.W.

**91 Viña Ventisquero Syrah Colchagua Valley Pangea Apalta Vineyard 2008 \$60** Dark and juicy, delivering spicy black plum and wild berry fruit finely woven with silky tannins and attractive undertones of spice box, cedar and iron. Drink now through 2018. 112 cases imported.—N.W.

**90 Viña Ventisquero Vertice Apalta Vineyard Colchagua Valley 2008 \$37** A ripe red, with attractive notes of game and mocha to the roasted plum and macerated black cherry fruit. Fine tannins frame the rich, broad aftertaste of spice box and fruit. Carmenère and Syrah. Drink now through 2016. 168 cases imported.—N.W.

**88 Altos Vinos Carmenère Chile Clos Andino Grande Réserve 2011 \$22** A ripe yet elegant red, offering fresh cassis and black raspberry fruit accented by hints of cream, spice and mineral. Drink now. 550 cases made.—N.W.

**88 Viña Koyle Syrah Colchagua Valley Reserva 2011 \$17** A polished, suave version, with silky tannins framing the blackberry and damson plum puree notes. The finish expands with savory olive, spice and espresso hints. Syrah and Malbec. Drink now. 5,000 cases made.—N.W.

**87 Viña Koyle Carmenère Colchagua Valley Reserva 2011 \$17** Jammy, fresh cassis and wild berry notes are backed by light hints of wild underbrush, espresso and spice box in this polished red. Carmenère, Syrah, and Tempranillo. Drink now. 5,000 cases made.—N.W.

## FRANCE

### Alsace / Riesling

**94 Barmès Buecher Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Steingrübler 2010 \$67** Beautifully balanced, with an aromatic thread of fresh forest winding through flavors of dried apricot, papaya, crystallized honey, toasted almond, ground ginger and anise, while the racy, mouthwatering acidity plays off a silky, mouthcoating texture. Drink now through 2030. 700 cases made.—A.N.

**93 Barmès Buecher Riesling Alsace Herrenweg 2010 \$31** Rich and mouthwatering, this leans toward an off-dry style, with lush, lightly honeyed flavors of guava, dried pineapple, apricot and candied kumquat, finding fine balance thanks to well-meshed, piercing acidity. The lasting finish is aromatic, with floral and smoky mineral notes. Drink now through 2028. 2,200 cases made.—A.N.

**93 Albert Mann Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Furstentum 2011 \$52** Ripe flavors of creamed apple, honeyed apricot, cantaloupe and kumquat are balanced by mouthwatering acidity. A streak of smoke- and saline-tinged minerality echoes on the finish. Drink now through 2025. 25 cases imported.—A.N.

**93 Albert Mann Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Schlossberg 2011 \$53** Broad and focused, this shows flavors of green melon, candied orange zest and guava, with lots of smoky mineral. The racy acidity establishes balance, enlivening the wine and contributing to the mouthwatering finish. Drink now through 2028. 100 cases imported.—A.N.

**93 Ostertag Riesling Alsace Fronholz 2010 \$44** Vibrant and finely detailed, with mouthwatering flavors of apricot tart, kumquat, blanched almond and subtle passion fruit. Displays beautiful focus and length, offering a lasting touch of petrol-tinged mineral on the finish. Drink now through 2030. 37 cases imported.—A.N.

**93 Weinbach Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Schlossberg Cuvée Ste.-Catherine 2011 \$55** Dry, with a laser beam of acidity and a pronounced mineral overtone. Show fine balance, with hints of sea salt and brine accenting the flavors of green melon, star fruit, crunchy white peach, pickled ginger and anise. Zesty finish. Drink now through 2028. 171 cases imported.—A.N.

**93 Weinbach Riesling Alsace Schlossberg Cuvée Ste.-Catherine 2011 \$64** This is refined and silky, featuring a mineral-tinged undertone, with apricot, honey and pineapple flavors. Finely knit with a pleasing bitterness to the finish of zest and ground cumin. Drink now through 2028. 100 cases imported.—A.N.

**92 Barmès Buecher Riesling Alsace Hengst 2010 \$53** Traditional, with bracing dry character, this is tightly knit, offering a racy, gooseberry, slivered almond and a refined texture. The mouthwatering, echoing note of mineral. Drink now through 2028. 100 cases made.—A.N.

**92 Barmès Buecher Riesling Alsace Hengst 2010 \$69** Dry, focused by hints of smoke and grilled herb accents, with white peach, chamomile, wax and sliced ginger. Finely meshed, displaying a mineral character on the finish. Drink now through 2028. 1,400 cases imported.—A.N.

**92 Schoffit Riesling Alsace Tradition 2011 \$26** A clean-cut version with racy acidity and ripe notes of pineapple and mango, revealing accents of Thai ground ginger. Finely tuned and elegant. Drink now through 2023. 100 cases imported.—A.N.

**91 Barmès Buecher Riesling Alsace Hengst 2010 \$37** Racy and well-meshed, with a racy edge to the flavors of melon rind, star fruit and crunchy white peach. Features a racy finish, with a lasting mineral accent. Drink now through 2020. 2,200 cases made.—A.N.

**91 Barmès Buecher Riesling Alsace Hengst 2010 \$26** Silky in texture, offering flavors of apple, honey and almond balanced by a racy acidity. The pronounced mineral undertone is highlighted by a flourish of fleur de sel and a racy finish. Drink now through 2023. 3,660 cases made.—A.N.

**91 Ostertag Riesling Alsace Grand Cru 2010 \$43** Open-knit and fresh, showing fine focus, this offers a subtle mesh of yellow apple, blanched almond, apricot and orange zest, and lively, with a lingering finish. Drink now through 2020. 31 cases imported.—A.N.

**91 Ostertag Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Schlossberg 2010 \$58** Fresh and vibrant, with a pleasing mix of ripe apricot and dried orange accents of salted butter, candied almond and mineral. Svelte and finely textured. Drink now through 2020. 50 cases imported.—A.N.

## FRANCE

### Alsace / Other White

**93 Albert Mann Gewürztraminer Alsace Grand Cru Steingrübler 2010 \$36** This is rich and expressive, offering floral overtones of ripe apricot, mango, lychee and blood orange, with accents of pink grapefruit zest and ground ginger. Acidity keeps this fresh and focused, leading to a smoke-tinged finish. Drink now through 2028. 100 cases imported.—A.N.

**93 Weinbach Pinot Gris Alsace Grand Cru Schlossberg 2011 \$51** Lightly honeyed and smoky, this shows fine richness and great finesse. The flavors of apricot gelée, toasted almond, melon and orange zest are finely layered, displaying mouthwatering acidity and zesty minerality. Drink now through 2028. 100 cases imported.—A.N.