

Weingut Peter Lauer . Ayl - Riesling 2o17

- Estate -

TROCKEN FASS 16 2017 ^

Score
90

Bright green apples and apple blossoms on the nose. Sleek and crisp but quite bold with some real length. A non-estate wine. Screw cap.

- Village -

AYL TROCKEN FASS 25 2017 ^

Score
92-93

For a village wine, this has serious depth and a Burgundian type textural complexity. A long, creamy and herbal finish. Decant or aerate if you want to drink it young, but you can also hold and wait. Screw cap.

AYL TROCKEN FASS 6 SENIOR 2017 ^

Score
93

A stunning medium-bodied dry riesling that's brimming with herbal aromas. It also has a great structure. A long and intense finish with a pronounced wet-stone character. Better from 2019, but you can also hold and wait.

AYL TROCKEN FASS 2 2017 ^

Score
91-92

Although this is a serious Saar riesling for the acid hounds, it has plenty of smoky and candied-citrus character. Generous substance, too. Better from 2019.

AYL TROCKEN FASS 1 2017 ^

Score
91-92

A riesling for those who have problems with the often tart personality of the grape. Effusive florals and lemon zest on the nose. A bold palate with a hint of sour cherries. The long finish is silky in the Saar context. Drink or hold.

AYL FASS 4 2017 ^

Score
92

This delightful and substantial medium-dry Saar riesling combines its ripe citrus character with lively acidity. Drink now or in 2019 and 2020. Screw cap.

AYL FASS 3 2017 ^

Score
92

An archetypal Saar riesling with a great balance of crisp acidity, juicy apples and lemons. Technically this is off-dry, but it's a wonderful dry wine with a long refreshing finish. Drink or hold.

– Grosse Lage – (dry and off-dry)

UNTERSTENBERG FASS 12 2017 ^

Score
94

Smoky, but also packed with nectarine and peach aromas. Although this is a concentrated and powerful wine, it shows so much vitality that there's no hint of heaviness. A long, complete finish with great mineral freshness. Drink or hold.

NEUNBERG FASS 17 2017 ^

Score
93-94

Still a bit compact and monolithic, but there's excellent ripeness. A long finish with cool, wet stones and lemons. Better from 2019, but it also shows long-term aging potential.

STIRN FASS 15 2017 ^

Score
95

Not for the faint of heart, this has a magical nose of dew-laden herbs and wet stones. A breathtakingly balance of bright mineral acidity, juicy citrus and a slew of herbal character. Amazing intensity at the finish. Better from 2019, but it should hold for a couple of decades.

KERN FASS 9 2017 ^

Score
94

Tropical and creamy, but it also shows a very firm core — Kern means core in German. This is another stunningly original wine from Peter Lauer. A lot of power at the finish. Drink or hold.

– Grosse Lage – (Kabinett)

KUPP KABINETT FASS 8 2017 ^

Score
92

A strong Kabinett but also a very vibrant one. This has wonderful lemony freshness at the long finish. A great wine for spicy food. Drink now or in 2019 and 2020.

LAMBERTSKIRCH KABINETT 2017 ^

Score
94

If you ever wondered what a bolt of lightning would taste like, try this one. It is the equivalent of that in the form of Saar riesling. In spite of generous analytical sweetness, dangerously fresh and mineral with an almost dry finish. Drink or hold.

KUPP KABINETT FASS 5 (AUCTION) 2017 ^

Score
95

How can a wine be this light and concentrated at the same time? It is exactly this miracle that makes this such a great Kabinett! Slightly toasty, but the citrus and apples are much stronger. Staggering energy at the enormously racy and off-dry finish. Drink or hold.

– Grosse Lage – (sweet Spätlese & Auslese)

KUPP SPÄTLESE FASS 7 2017 ^

Score
94

Exotic and creamy with a touch of floral honey. The balance of grape sweetness and vibrant acidity is spot on. A long and expressive finish. Drink or hold.

FEILS SPÄTLESE FASS 24 (AUCTION) 2017 ^

Score
95

Warm and generous with a pronounced note of yellow grapefruit. Very elegant and vibrant, but then it turns subtle and graceful at the very long finish. Drink or hold.

KUPP SPÄTLESE FASS 23 (AUCTION) 2017 ^

Score
96

Super ripe, yet cool and delicate. Staggering intensity and radical mineral freshness at the super long finish. Delicious now, but it also has decades of aging potential.

KUPP AUSLESE FASS 10 2017 ^

Score
96

Another great 2017 Saar riesling Auslese that has a stunning concentration of tropical fruits and floral honey. The best thing about this masterpiece is the way its salty and mineral character balances all this extravagance at the very long finish. Drink or hold.

KUPP AUSLESE (AUCTION) 2017 ^

Score
96

A very juicy and super elegant Auslese with more delicate and exotic aromas than many of the top 2017s. There is underplayed power at the long, crystalline finish. Better from 2019, but it is capable of long aging.

KUPP AUSLESE GOLD CAP 2017 ^

Score
97

Essence-like concentration and luscious sweetness, but this masterpiece also shows staggering drive and energy. It needs a couple of years to calm down, so better from 2020. It has long-term aging potential.

KUPP AUSLESE LONG GOLD CAP 2017 ^

Score
98

Stand back as this bullet train of a wine passes by; otherwise, you'll be swept off your feet! This does not only show breathtaking acidity but also wonderful creaminess and a hint of caramel. Somehow, these apparent opposites mingle spectacularly well together. Drink or hold.

KUPP BEERENAUSLESE 2017 ^

Score
98

Very lush and creamy with brilliant acidity that is typical of this 2017 vintage. This is the dream of a Beerenauslese as it shows such great harmony, allowing you to drink it right away. A super long and seductively silky finish. Like all of the wines of this producer, this one has serious aging potential.