

Tasting Report, vintage 2021

GROSSES GEWÄCHS (GG) – dry

2021 SCHONFELS GG, N° 11 – 95 Very smoky with notes of cardamon, licorice and fresh sage. Stunning concentration on the sleek and compact palate. So much drive and wet stone minerality at the extremely long crystalline finish. Still really tightly wound, but the combination of depth and structure give it great potential. Sustainable. Drinkable now, but best from 2024.

2021 Lambertskirch GG (Auction) – 95 Stunning nose of flint and candied citrus with notes of basil and tarragon. First comes a banana-like texture, but then it flips in a super-focused direction; salty and savory characteristics interwoven with the dramatic raciness. The first vintage of this wine and very limited production. Sustainable. Drink or hold.

2021 FEILS GG, N° 13 – 96 Stunning nose of crisp pear, fresh basil and fern leaves dripping with water. Concentrated and compact with a ripeness and silkiness that are rare in this vintage. Everything fits together beautifully. Very long seamless finish. Sustainable. Drink or hold.

2021 KUPP GG, N° 18 – 94 A very harmonious and well-structured dry Saar wine with a ton of mirabelle and fresh herbal aromas. The fine tannins underline all this beautifully. Long silky finish for a 2021 dry riesling. Sustainable. Drink or hold.

GROSSE LAGE (GLs) – harmonious dry

2021 NEUENBERG GL, N° 17 – 95 Very fine stone fruit in the fascinating and delicate nose. Then comes a wonderful juiciness and classical Saar elegance on the palate. So finely etched at the very long surprisingly rich finish (thanks to a touch of botrytis). A great wine that's just beginning to give its best. Sustainable. Drink or hold.

2021 UNTERSTENBERG GL, N° 12 – 93 A ripe and generous wine for a 2021 dry riesling. The fleshy stone fruit is well complemented by the smoky character. Quite some tannins provide a very solid base for this bold body. Very harmonious finish. Sustainable. Drink or hold.

GROSSE LAGE (GL) – off-dry

2021 KERN GL, N° 9 – 94 The wide spectrum of exotic fruit aromas pull you into this whirlpool of finely nuanced fruit, wet stone minerality and herbal freshness. The strident acidity is already very well integrated. Sustainable. Drink or hold.

2021 STIRN GL, N° 15 – 93 Minty, with touches of white peach, juicy tomato and basil. This sleek Saar riesling is frankly off-dry, but the racy acidity makes it taste really refreshing and animating. Charming finish. Sustainable. Drink or hold.

GROSSE LAGE – Prädikatsweine



2021 KUPP Kabinett (Auction) N° 5 – 96 Welcome to the herb garden! Such a juicy entry, but then the mineral turbo kicks in and this shoots off into riesling hyperspace. Staggering lime freshness. After this, it's not so easy to come back to earth again and return to normal wines. Limited production. Sustainable. Drink or hold.

2021 Kupp Kabinett > privat bottling < – 95 A breathtakingly vibrant and juicy Kabinett that leaps and bounds across the palate, but also has a discreet dark side that makes all the colors of stone and citrus fruit shine almost supernaturally brightly. Sustainable. Drink or hold.

ERSTES GEWÄCHS (1G) – dry

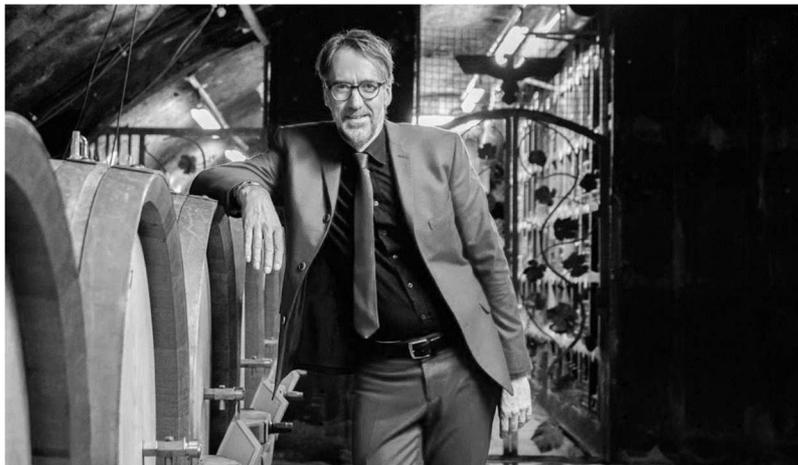


2021 AYL 1G, N° 21 – 94 The mint and fresh sage aromas pull you into this very elegant and polished dry riesling. Impressive depth, yet the wine remains cool and delicate with a striking salty caramel note at the long and very stony finish. And, yes, this is properly dry. The first vintage of this wine. Sustainable. Drink or hold.

VILLAGE (AYL)

2021 Ayl, N° 2, extra dry – 91 For an orange wine this is surprisingly pale and lively. You could almost imagine it was a dry muscat given the expressive fruit aromas that range from blueberry through to quince. Juicy and salty, with a generous palate where the tannins are already well integrated. Bold finish. Fermented on the skins. No sulfites added. Sustainable. Drink now. Screw cap.

2021 Ayl, N° 6 (Senior), dry to off-dry – 92 Excellent balance of racy acidity and crisp acidity, with ripe apple fruit on the medium-bodied palate. The finish is very crisp and stony with some lemon zest character. Just beginning to open up. Sustainable. Drink or hold. Screw cap.



Tasting Notes by Stuart Pigott, Sept 8th, 2022