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**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Ürziger Würzgarten In  
der Kranklei Riesling  
Spätlese Alte Reben  
(Gold Capsule)**

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From the red slate soils of the lower part of this famous cru, the 2018 Ürziger Würzgarten In der Kranklei Riesling Spätlese Alte Reben (Gold Capsule) is fascinating in its smoky precision and crunchy slate aroma. Racy and sweet on the palate, this is a piquant and grippy Spätlese. The wine has remarkable finesse and piquancy and is very salty and crunchy on the finish, but it needs a bit more time. I can hardly compare it to the other Spätlesen from Christian Hermann—he has actually bottled a digestible Auslese here with 100 grams per liter of residual sugar and 7% alcohol. The wine fermented until February 2019 and was bottled in early March. Tasted in March 2019.

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**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Piesporter  
Goldtröpfchen  
Riesling  
Beerenauslese (Gold  
Capsule)**

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Picked at 150° Oechsle from the Niederemmel part of the cru that is well-known for its water storage capacity, the 2018 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Beerenauslese (Gold Capsule) opens with very clear, fresh, zesty and concentrated fruit that is reminiscent of candied grapefruit, lemon rind, yellow plums, raspberries, crushed slate, black pepper and honey. On the palate, this is a rich, dense, silky textured, refined and elegant BA with good concentration, stewed peach and apricot flavors as well as stimulating freshness, finesse and gripping bitters on the finish. It's very digestible, though still dominantly sweet. This BA is based on 85% healthy fruits and only 15% raisined berries, which pushed up the sugar level and concentration. Bottled with 7.5% alcohol, 210 grams of residual sugar per liter and a total acidity of nine grams per liter. Tasted a week after bottling in July 2019.

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**96**

**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Erdener Herzlei  
Riesling Spätlese Alte  
Reben (Gold Capsule)**

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The 2018 Erdener Herzlei Riesling Spätlese Alte Reben (Gold Capsule) is from Hermann's oldest vineyard that is populated with 125-year-old vines on blue-gray slate, with 10,000 vines per hectare. The bouquet is deep, smoky/flinty, very intense and generous but super precise. On the palate, this is a lush, super precise, elegant and persistently salty Spätlese with a piquant, lush, highly stimulating finish. This is a fabulous, tropically-flavored Herzlei that should be in the cellar of any serious Riesling aficionado. Just two fuders (2,700 bottles) were produced. The wine was bottled in early March with 7.5% alcohol, 95 grams per liter of residual sugar and a total acidity of 6.4 grams per liter. Tasted in March 2019.

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**92**

**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Kinheimer  
Hubertuslay Riesling  
Kabinett**

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The 2018 Kinheimer Hubertuslay Riesling Kabinett is beautifully floral and herbal on the pure and salty nose. Grown on red slate, this is an elegant, ripe yet piquant Riesling with lingering salinity and mineral tension. Very elegant and lush, this 2018 is already beautiful to drink but can be cellared as well. There is so much music and vitality in this wine! Tasted in March 2019.

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**95**

**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Erdener Prälat  
Riesling Spätlese Alte  
Reben (Gold Capsule)**

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The 2018 Erdener Prälat Riesling Spätlese Alte Reben (Gold Capsule) is from the upper part of the cru that is located 100 meters above the Mosel and hosts vines that are 100+ years old. This is based on super ripe but healthy grapes that were picked at a moderate 93° Oechsle. The wine opens clear, refined and flinty, with aromas of tropical fruit such as mango and papaya. Lush and sweet but also piquant and fresh on the palate, this is a seductive and generous but precise and well-defined Spätlese with a salty-piquant finish. This is a fabulous wine that can be cellared for decades. It was bottled in early March 2019 with 85 grams per liter of residual sugar and 6.4 grams per liter of total acidity. Tasted in March 2019.

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**92**

**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Erdener Treppchen  
Riesling Spätlese**

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From entirely healthy grapes sourced in the Kriebislay and picked at 95° Oechsle, the 2018 Erdener Treppchen Riesling Spätlese (AP 7 19) opens with a lovely clear, fresh and spicy/flinty bouquet of ripe, concentrated, healthy fruit aromas intermingled with delicate lemon zest notes.

Lush but crystalline and persistently piquant on the palate, this is a sweet but elegant, refined and playful Treppchen Spätlese with a quiet course over the palate and a finely gripping finish. It's highly attractive and seductive already today. Bottled with 8% alcohol, 90 grams per liter of residual sugar and 7 grams per liter of total acidity; closed with a screwcap. Tasted in July 2019.

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**96**

**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Erdener Prälat  
Riesling Auslese Alte  
Reben (Gold Capsule)**

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The 2018 Erdener Prälat Riesling Auslese Alte Reben (Gold Capsule) is stunningly coolish and flinty on the nose, where the tropical fruit aromas are discreet but fresh (like a lush pineapple). The palate is generously ripe, dense and elegant, with lingering salinity and finesse. Picked at 110° Oechsle, including 10% perfectly healthy raisins, the wine was bottled with 120 grams per liter of residual sugar and 7% alcohol. Only 300 liters were made. Tasted in March 2019.

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**90**

**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Ürziger Würzgarten  
Riesling Kabinett**

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The 2018 Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Kabinett is from the upper part of the cru, from vines on red sandstone. Aromas of wet stone on the nose lead to a lush, tropical and racy-piquant palate with grip and tension. Although this is more like a Spätlese than a Kabinett, it's a stimulating and generous wine that drinks perfectly today. Tasted in March 2019.

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**98**

**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Kinheimer  
Hubertuslay Riesling  
Trockenbeerenauslese  
(Long Gold Capsule)**

From a very steep 1st-class vineyard with 70-year-old vines trained on single poles, the amber-golden colored 2018 Kinheimer Hubertuslay Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese (Long Gold Capsule) is very clear and fresh on the intensely aromatic, highly concentrated, apricot but also citrus-fresh and even flinty nose. Rich and oily on the palate, this is a charmingly smooth, seamlessly textured, very sweet but refined and elegant TBA with fine acidity and a lemon-zesty finish. The concentration here is insane, and it's hard to taste any other wine after this Hubertuslay whose grapes were hand-sorted during the harvest of the Kabinett, Spätlese and Auslese and came in at 260° Oechsle. In the first round, I thought this attractively fruity but terribly sweet Riesling didn't have the depth, finesse and tensioned structure of the Würzgarten, Prälat or Treppchen. After two days, though, I discovered the missed structure and finesse was only hidden behind a thick curtain of sweetness (490 grams per liter of residual sugar), fruit and texture. There is great potential to age this for decades—it's up to you if you like the wine that rich and sweet or more complex several years from now. I...

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**91**

**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Erdener Treppchen  
Riesling Kabinett –6–**

The 2018 Erdener Treppchen Riesling Kabinett –6– is clear and intense on the generously ripe and aromatic nose. The palate is lush and round, a mouthful of wine, but again, like a Spätlese rather than a Kabinett. The finish is pure, crunchy and slatey, pretty vital and vibrantly fresh, with good grip and tension. This Treppchen already drinks very well but has the potential to surprise. Tasted in March 2019.

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**97**

**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Erdener Treppchen  
Riesling  
Trockenbeerenauslese  
Alte Reben (Long  
Gold Capsule)**

From very old vines on single poles in the Onnerts parcel right above the Prälat and neighboring the Herzlei, the 2018 Erdener Treppchen Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese Alte Reben (Long Gold Capsule) is darker-toned and more spicy or peppery on the nose than the "regular" Gold Capsule and displays very clear, precise and noble apricot, tea and zesty lemon notes. It's almost floral but also spicy, a mysterious nose that will develop a lot over the coming years and decades. Lush and intense on the palate, this is another terribly sweet TBA, though not as rich or oily textured, thanks to its vitality and piquancy (470 grams of residual sugar are countered by 11 grams of total acidity). Picked at around 245° Oechsle, this is truly finessed, playful and even vibrant noble sweet wine, and readers will need to be patient if they prefer TBAs that are less nervous and piquant but more quiet and smooth. Tasted in July 2019, one week after the bottling.

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**99+**

**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Erdener Prälät  
Riesling  
Troockenbeerenauslese  
Alte Reben (Long  
Gold Capsule)**

The 2018 Erdener Prälät Riesling Troockenbeerenauslese Alte Reben (Long Gold Capsule) is an assemblage of a selection that came in with a spectacular 321° Oechsle, which even shocked winemaker Christian Hermann, who had never picked sweeter grapes. He decided to blend this ten-liter part with a 50-liter selection that was made for Beerenauslese and weighed in at 200+° Oechsle "to get a digestible wine instead of a spread," as Hermann says. The final TBA displays a radiant golden color and opens with a super clear, intense, elegant, concentrated and zesty bouquet that intermixes stewed apricot and orange zest aromas with lemon rind and spicy, even peppery dark chocolate and wet stone notes. After two days, this TBA still isn't really shy but is discreet and, in a way, mysterious in its flavors. Very rich and oily yet highly refined and balanced on the palate, this is an enormously generous but also refined, piquant and tensioned Prälät TBA that develops a great and intense finish with sustainable finesse. The wine was bottled with 6% alcohol and no less than 478 grams of residual sugar and 9.9 grams of total acidity. Tasted a week after the bottling in July 2019.

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**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Erdener Prälät  
Riesling Trocken Alte  
Reben Grosses  
Gewächs (Gold  
Capsule)**

Hermann's 2018 Erdener Prälät Riesling Trocken Alte Reben Grosses Gewächs (Gold Capsule) is a selection of 100% healthy grapes from up to 120-year-old ungrafted vines that were picked with 100° Oechsle and vinified for one year in stainless steel (with 10% whole berries inside the tank). The wine is clear and discreet but concentrated on the nose that is more reductive and yeasty but less aromatic than the 2019 GG's. Lush and elegant but leaner than the fuder-fermented GGs from 2019, this is a powerful and grippy dry Riesling with a rich texture but a first hit of maturity as well. The wine doesn't have the aromatic perfume like the 2019s and remains restrained on the palate. I assume it will develop well with more bottle age and is in a certain valley at this stage. 12.5% alcohol. Tasted from a small bottle (375 milliliters) in June 2020.

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**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Ürziger Würzgarten  
Riesling  
Troockenbeerenauslese  
Alte Reben (Long  
Gold Capsule)**

From a very old plot close to the sundial and picked at 245° Oechsle, Christian Hermann's golden-yellow colored 2018 Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Troockenbeerenauslese Alte Reben (Long Gold Capsule) is discreet and fine yet deep and flinty on the spicy, highly elegant and remarkably pure nose that displays lovely notes of zesty lemon and stone fruit only after two days in the opened bottle. Tea, lemon and very fine flint and Riesling aromas lead to an oily-textured, very rich and sweet but also fresh, piquant, utterly elegant and seamless palate with a stimulatingly clear, fresh and even slightly salty finish. This is a delicious, highly concentrated sweet wine with great finesse and aging potential. The wine was bottled with 6% alcohol and not less than 470 grams per liter of residual sugar lifted by 11 grams per liter of total acidity. Thanks to three hectares of vines in the best part of the cru, Hermann selected 60 liters of TBA. Tasted in July 2019, a week after the bottling.

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**90**

**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Kinheimer  
Hubertuslay Riesling  
Feinherb**

From roughly 30-year-old vines on red slate, the 2018 Kinheimer Hubertuslay Riesling Feinherb offers a pure and delicate nose of ripe and stewed stone fruits. Lush and sweet on the palate, this is a salty-piquant, pretty rich and tensioned Riesling with stunning vitality and freshness for this vineyard. Tasted in March 2019.

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**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Erdener Treppchen  
Riesling  
Trockenbeerenauslese  
(Gold Capsule)**

From the Hödlay and Kriesslay plots that also made up the Auslese, Christian Hermann's intensely golden-yellow colored 2018 Erdener Treppchen Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese (Gold Capsule) was still a bit volatile initially when I tasted it a week after the bottling in late July this year. However, clarity, concentration and freshness are spectacular on both the nose and palate after a while in the glass and days in the uncorked bottle.

Featuring rich and oily consistency, the wine has remarkable finesse and freshness, and everything is highly refined and stimulatingly piquant. A very concentrated elixir made with grapes that were picked at 200° Oechsle and bottled with 360 grams per liter of residual sugar, this Treppchen TBA is terribly sweet but rarely is it as light-footed, elegant and digestible as here. This is a spectacular effort, but wine collectors should be patient: this TBA will gain in complexity over the years in the bottle. 6% alcohol. Total acidity: 11.2 grams per liter.

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**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Ürziger Würzgarten  
Riesling Auslese  
(Long Gold Capsule)**

From the upper part of the cru where the 18-year-old vines root in volcanic sandstone (pyrolyth) soils, the 2018 Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Auslese (Long Gold Capsule) was picked at 135° Oechsle and with 50% perfect botrytis. This is a lush, precise and salty-piquant Würzgarten with a seamless texture and a very long, balanced finish. This is a beautiful wine that is highly stimulating and fine. Absolutely gorgeous.

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**95**

**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Erdener Treppchen  
Riesling Auslese -23-  
(Gold Capsule)**

The 2018 Erdener Treppchen Riesling Auslese -23- (Gold Capsule) is intense and concentrated as well as fresh and piquant on the nose, where candied lemon, red peppercorn, perfectly ripe and dried stone fruit aromas (domestic and tropical) and some honey notes are displayed. It's a generous and mouth-filling but fine, elegant, beautifully clear and fruity wine with a nervy mineral backbone and a spicy-piquant, even mouthwatering finish. The sweetness (125 grams per liter) is deliciously fresh, and the finish is full of stimulating vitality and finesse. Picked at 120° Oechsle and bottled with 8% alcohol and a total acidity of 7.8 grams per liter, this is a gorgeous, round and already digestible Auslese that is hard to resist. Tasted a week after bottling in July 2019.

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**94**

**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Piesporter  
Goldtröpfchen  
Riesling Spätlese  
(Gold Capsule)**

The 2018 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese (Gold Capsule) is still reductive on the super clear and flinty nose with its pineapple aromas and notes of crushed stones. From roughly 30-year-old vines, the grapes were picked perfectly healthy at 100° Oechsle. This is a salty-piquant, fresh, elegant, straight and precise Spätlese with lingering salinity and crispy slate on the finish. This is a highly (dangerously) stimulating and salty-piquant Riesling. The wine was bottled in early March with 7.5% alcohol, 87 grams per liter of residual sugar and eight grams per liter of total acidity. Tasted in March 2019.

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**88**

**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Riesling Trocken**

Vinified in oak fuders and bottled in February 2019, the 2018 Riesling Trocken is a lush and powerful wine with a racy attack and good mineral tension and tannin grip on the palate. A mouthful of Mosel Riesling.

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**89**

**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Riesling H**

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The second bottling of the 2018 Riesling H is a racy-lush Riesling that was not chaptalized. However, it has stunning acidity, mineral grip and tension on the palate, where the sweetness adds lush and juicy fruit. The finish is aromatic, vital and fresh, with delicate grip. This 2018 already drinks very well. Tasted in March 2019.

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**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Erdener Treppchen  
Riesling Trocken**

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The 2018 Erdener Treppchen Riesling Trocken is from ungrafted 20-year-old vines on red slate soils and is pure and round, vibrantly fresh and generous in its fruit aromas. This is from a warm vintage, but there's amazing freshness and vitality. Tasted in March 2019.

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**94**

**2018 Dr. Hermann  
Erdener Treppchen  
Riesling Alte Reben  
(Gold Capsule)**

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The 2018 Erdener Treppchen Riesling Alte Reben (Gold Capsule) is a selection from 100% healthy grapes from 100-year-old vines that were picked at 97° Oechsle. Vinified with 10% whole berries for one year sur lie. The intensely yellow colored Treppchen is beautifully pure, refined and flinty on the complex and refreshingly mineral nose. Lush and round on the palate, this is a powerful, rich, very intense but fine, elegant, firmly structured and sustainable Riesling that didn't ferment to fully dry but to a tensioned balance with grip and an expressive finish. This is a great wine that will reach its peak in about 5-7 years yet can be cellared for many more years. 12% alcohol. Tasted from AP 32 19 in June 2020.

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