

## Dr. Bürklin-Wolf Riesling Trocken Pfalz Germany 2022

Selected by: MTW Tasting Panel



### Final Deductions

**VINTAGE** 2022

**GRAPE** Riesling

**GEOGRAPHY** Europe

**COUNTRY** Germany

**LARGER REGION** Pfalz

### Rationale

German Riesling often scares people after they take one look at the wine label, but is actually among the easiest of all wine categories to understand—once you get the hang of them.

The basics are always shared logically:

1. Germany's thirteen wine regions are divided into forty districts called 'bereiche.'
2. Each bereiche is divided into 163 collections of vineyards, each called a 'grosslage.'
3. Every grosslage, in turn, is made up of individual vineyard sites, each called an 'einzellage.'

In this case, the region (Pfalz) contains a village district (Ruppertsberg). (Note that the Germans usually add "er" to the name of the district so here it is labeled as 'Ruppertsberger'.)

Lastly, the style of the wine is based on ripeness at harvest and is overlaid from driest to sweetest. Here, we have a 'Kabinett' which is just a click past dry with some tactile sweetness, accompanied by ample acidity.

Ruppertsberg is a small village immediately south-east of Deidesheim, at the heart of the Pfalz wine region in Germany. For its size, the village produces an astonishing proportion of Pfalz's best bottles. Riesling here exists in a style markedly richer and riper than that found almost anywhere else in Germany. In warmer years, tasting notes for these wines refer to sweet-spiced apples, baked pears and even pineapple. Those for drier wines from cooler vintages hint at preserved lemon, green apple and chalky minerality.

The earliest records traced to the Bürklin-Wolf estate are from the year 1597, when Bernhard Bürklin arrived in the village of Wachenheim, in the heart of the Pfalz wine growing district. More than 400 years later, the estate is still in the hands of the Bürklin family. In 1875, Albert Bürklin married Luise Wolf whose family were owners in the great vineyards of Deidesheim, Forst, and Wachenheim. Albert and Luise's grandnephew (also named Albert) became a full time winegrower in the 1900s and a follower of biodynamic philosopher, Rudolph Steiner. Bürklin-Wolf makes precise wines that showcase their individual terroir—distinctly expressing their herb and fruit components. The wines from Ruppertsberg reflect deeper and loamier soils and are more fruit-driven than most of their other bottlings. Finally, when you buy a bottle of wine that is labelled "Ortswein", as this wine is, you are buying a wine that has been produced under the regulations and criteria of the VDP, which is a small elite group of German vintners who uphold the highest level of terroir-driven viticulture. Ortswein indicates wines that are produced from exceptional soil in the region in which they are grown.

## Sight

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**BRIGHTNESS** Day Bright

**CLARITY** Clear

**COLOR DEPTH** Medium

**COLOR** Yellow

**HIGHLIGHTS** None

**BUBBLES** No

## Structure

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**RESIDUAL SUGAR** Dry

**ACID** High

**ALCOHOL** Low

**PHENOLS** Low

**TEXTURE** Lean / Tart

**FINISH** Med+

**COMPLEXITY** High

## Aroma & Taste

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**CITRUS FRUIT** Key Lime • Meyer Lemon *Condition: Fresh* *Part: Peel / Zest*

**TREE/VINE FRUIT** Pear (Green) • Pear (Asian) • Apple (Green) *Condition: Under Ripe / Tart, Ripe*

**STONE FRUIT** Peach (White) • Nectarine (White) *Condition: Under Ripe / Tart, Fresh, Ripe*

**TROPICAL FRUIT** Pineapple *Condition: Fresh, Under Ripe / Tart*

**FLORAL** Honeysuckle • Apple Blossom *Condition: Fresh*

**OTHER VEGETABLE** Fennel / Anise

**HERBAL** Lemon Grass • Thyme • Verbena

**OTHER SPICES** Honey

**INORGANIC EARTH** Petrol / TDN • Mineral / Rock

**OAK AGING** No