

FRITZ HAAG

Highlights from the Press - Fritz Haag 2021



Fritz Haag Riesling Trocken 2021

[91] James Suckling

For a basic dry Riesling this has both excellent balance and finesse although it is properly dry. Wonderful raciness on the sleek palate with tons of lemon balm and lemon zest character at the very clean finish. *August 2022*

[90] Wine Enthusiast

Beautifully crafted white, this shows an underlying streak of sea salt that glides along from start to finish, while flavors of guava and yellow apple shine at the main court. It leaves a drying impression on the finish. *February* 2023

[90] Wine Advocate

Pure and fresh on the bright and nicely reductive and finely herbal nose. Clear, pure, fresh and flinty on the palate, this is a very elegant and juicy dry Riesling with a savory finish that reveals good substance. *August 2022*

[90] View from the Cellar

The bouquet is bright and precise, jumping from the glass in a blend of lime, pear, mint, slate, lilacs, a touch of Brauneberg mossiness and a bit of upper register smokiness. On the palate the wine is vibrant, fullish with a good core, fine mineral drive and cut, ripe acids and excellent length and grip on the complex finish. September-October 2022

[89] Wine Spectator

A well-balanced white, with green apple and nectarine notes that are almost oily on the supple palate, while flint and dried green herbs weave through. Shows nice concentration and builds toward the firm, medium-length finish. *August 2023*

[★★★★+] Restaurant Wine

Excellent dry Riesling, the 2021 is a vibrant, medium bodied wine with excellent balance and flavor (apple, white peach, lime), and a medium long, crisp finish. Great value. 2023, Issues #204-#209



Fritz Haag Brauneberger Riesling Trocken "J" 2021

[93] James Suckling

Here is the combination of dark minerality and elegance that we associate with the top sites of Brauneberg. Impressive concentration on the mid-palate, with a wide spectrum of fresh herb and bergamot aromas. Long well-structured finish. *August* 2022

[92] Wine Advocate

This wine is from the Juffer and Juffer-Sonnenuhr and opens with a clear and intense nose of ripe fruits. Partly fermented in large oak, the 2021 "J" is lush, round and pure, very elegant and stimulatingly savory. It's bone dry but structured and asking for patience. August 2022

[91] Wine & Spirits

The fruit gets a short maceration before fermentation begins with ambient yeasts, creating an earthy Riesling with bosky fruit. This leans into a sour-beer leesiness, a dry style that carries its share of funk, yet the flavors made several tasters nostalgic for old-school Rieslings they have known. *December* 2023

[90] Wine Enthusiast

An underpinning of lanolin supports flavors of pineapple and guava, with an elderflower note and a hint of candied orange peel that gives this brightness. It has firm acidity, yet it is elegant and approachable now with a mouthwatering finish. *August/September 2023*

[89] Wine Spectator

Sports a nice frame and texture, with wet slate and fine-grained bitter minerality filled out with passion fruit, lime, peach and a whiff of smoke and petrol. Tangy and medium length through the dry finish. Web only 2023

[17] Jancis Robinson

Pure Mosel sunshine. The cool character of the vintage only enhanced an already focused producer into nearly blinding precision. Elegant aromas of grapefruit, wet stone and lemon peel. Balanced, dry and deep with a lingering herbal and saline finish. *June* 2022

[★★★★+] Restaurant Wine

Fine quality and value, the 2021 Brauneberg J is a terrific dry Riesling: fragrant and finely flavored (white peach, pineapple, lime), with good depth and a very long finish. 2023, Issues #204 - #209

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Fritz Haag Riesling (feinherb) 2021

[92] Wine Enthusiast

This is beautifully balanced with a bright profile and bracing acidity. It features well-meshed flavors of Asian pear, lime, and tangerine. It is super approachable, but with lots of substance, revealing layer after layer. It offers a lingering finish of mineral and spice. *August/September 2023*

[90] Wine Spectator

An expressive, fruit-forward style, with an alluring mix of peach, acacia blossoms, honey and flint. Features nice details of fresh grass and chamomile, while steely acidity keeps the rich palate in check. The finish is lined with pithy grapefruit bitterness and wet stone accents. *August 2023*

[90] James Suckling

Very refreshing and juicy, this has a very good balance of bright fruit. The crisp acidity lifts the finish very nicely. A really charming introduction to this vintage on the Mosel. *August* 2022

[90] View from the Cellar

This wine delivers a beautiful bouquet of pear, fresh lime, a hint of mint, a lovely base of slate, lilacs, violets, and a nice touch of bee pollen in the upper register. One the palate the wine is fullish, complex, and zesty, with a good core, superb mineral drive and focus, a fine spine of acidity and an impressively long, complex and classy finish. Sept.-Oct. 2022

[89] Wine Enthusiast

Well-knit white, showing lots of mineral and spice, with apple and quince flavors at its core. Bracing acidity keeps everything intact. Moderate length. *February* 2023

[17.5] Jancis Robinson

Elegant floral aromas open into fruits of green apple, melon and grapefruit. The initial juicy character gives a quick playful wink, before giving way to a fast-paced wave of stony, focused power, and spicy nuance. Don't ask, don't tell when it comes to residual sugar here. It's all about balance. *June 2022*

[★★★★+] Restaurant Wine

Wonderful value, this off dry Riesling is zesty on the palate, very distinct in flavor (apple, white peach, pineapple), nicely balanced, and lingering on the finish. 2023, Issues #204 - #209



Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Riesling GG 2021

[94] Wine & Spirits

Juffer, surrounding the Sonnenuhr on three sides, provided this powerful young Riesling: the drive of its yellow-plum fruit potent enough to get you in the gut. All that flavor concentration needs time to open and gain on its racy acidity. "That's glorious wine," Tastings Editor Corey Warren said, noting the scents of a spring meadow, the density and crisp line. "It completely saturates all the taste receptors." December 2023

[94] James Suckling

A super-fine and elegant Mosel GG with a delicate nose of hedgerow flowers and herbs. Very silky on the palate, where it moves on like a ballerina en pointe. This is a beauty now, but will surely only become more beautiful through several more years of bottle age. August 2022

[93] Wine Enthusiast

Cardamom and tamarind flavors glide along the edges of the sleek and graceful frame of this dry Riesling, lacing the core of ripe apple, pastry, candied orange peel and pineapple flavors. This is well defined, with underlying muscle and intense backbone of acidity. Salty and stony notes mark the finish. *August/September 2023*

[92+] Mosel Fine Wines

This offers a delicately aromatic yet fresh nose of apricot, green herbs, greengage, mint, and earthy spices. The wine proves comparatively light-weighted and zesty on the palate, where a touch of creamy presence comes through. It has good density and leaves a linear and focused long feel in the finish. There is just a hint of tartness in the background in need of integration. This could well turn out even better than anticipated if it gains finesse with time. It is a superb dry and focused Riesling. *August 2022*

[91] Wine Spectator

Nicely balanced and dry, with a mix of floral, nectarine, green apple and lime zest notes upon a bedrock of flinty mineral accents. More savory than fruit-driven, with white pepper, tea and smoke infusing the medium-weight palate. Tasty, with a kick of quinine at the close. Web only 2023

[★★★★] Restaurant Wine

An elegant dry Riesling with very fine aroma and flavor (honeysuckle, apple, white peach, lime), it is medium full in bodied, very well balanced, and crisp on the finish. 2023, Issues #204 - #209

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Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling GG 2021

[96] Wine & Spirits

Its scents and flavors evolve toward bee balm and beeswax, lemon and mandarin orange layered with fresh lime zest and salt. Its structure feels vivid while the wine is present in your mouth, then the scents linger as ghosts for minutes after each taste. For all its power, the wine maintains grace and detail. *December* 2023

[95] Wine Enthusiast

This is dry, but generous, displaying spiced flavors of grapefruit sorbet, dragon fruit, honeysuckle and blood orange. Prominent, yet beautifully integrated acidity gives this firmly planted legs, as this dances on the palate, luring you in with its nimble mix of fruit and mineral. It is almost seamless, you don't even notice the intensity at first. Delicious, mineral-tinged finish. *August/September 2023*

[95] James Suckling

This sleek and tightly wound Mosel GG has very finely chiseled features. Stunningly delicate stone fruits aromas slowly climb out of the glass. What a beautiful texture this very gentle giant has. Fascinating finesse at the very long graceful finish. *August* 2022

[92+] Mosel Fine Wines

This offers a beautifully refreshing and minty nose of anise, white peach, greengage, lime tree, acacia, menthol, and smoke, all wrapped into fine residues from its spontaneous fermentation. The wine proves nicely playful and delicately creamy on the palate, and leaves an energetic and almost sharp feel of herbs and lime on the smoky and very long finish. The aftertaste is bond-dry and has some tartness in need of integration. This racy dry Riesling needs time to develop its complexity and even has some upside potential. *August 2022*

[92] Decanter

Golden apple and sweet pear notes on the nose. Impressive complexity and hints of spice, citrus peel and orange on the vibrant palate.

August 2023

[91] Wine Spectator

A razor-sharp style, with nice plushness too, offering pear, apricot and green plum notes flecked with spices, fresh herbs and lime zest. Reveals a citrusy beam of acidity that crackles through the salty, stony finish. Web only 2023



Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Kabinett 2021

[94] James Suckling

Such a pristine and uplifting Mosel Kabinett, the interplay of brilliant acidity and fine peach, chamomile and white flower aromas. Lightning strikes at the finish where the touch of unfermented grape sweetness evaporated like a drop of water on a hot slate stone. So delicious and so much potential. *August 2022*

[93] Tasting Panel Reviews

White flowers, pine nut, and crisp notes of jicama and lychee ensure this wine's flavors stay clean as salinity comes in on the midpalate. Lemon blossom and orange cream reflect an inner sunshine. January/February 2023

[92] Wine Spectator — Top 100 Wines of 2023 (#87)

Despite the sweetness, this is laser-focused and linear, powered by a lime-edged beam of bracing acidity and refined crushed slate minerality. Builds in concentration to flavors of apple blossoms and honeyed orchard fruit, with a thread of smoke. This has a long life ahead. *August 2023, November 2023*

[92] View from the Cellar

This wine is beautifully expressive on the nose, offering up scents of pear, white cherry, mint, a lovely base of slate, violets, citrus blossoms, and bee pollen. On the palate the wine is pure, medium-bodied, and filigreed, with lovely intensity of flavor and complexity, bright acids, exceptional focus and backend bounce and a long, zesty finish. September-October 2022

[91+] Wine Advocate

Clear and finely reductive on the precise and leafy nose. Lush, round and sweet as well as tangy on the palate, this is an elegant, refined, saline and savory Kabinett that will be easy to quaff in a year or two. The acidity is sharp but embedded in charming, lush fruit. *August 2022*

[91] Wine Enthusiast

There is a seductive saffron note that introduces this Riesling and wraps around the juicy core, which sports nectarine and apple flavors, with floral hints for added charm. It has a good flow and impeccable balance, with an inviting finish. February 2023

[17] Jancis Robinson

Playful, clarion fruit aromas of green apple and apricot, tropical nuances and above all else a beautiful, operatic purity. Delicate and long with a delightful drinkability. *June* 2022

[★★★★] Restaurant Wine

Light bodied and crisp, it is nicely balanced, finely flavored (apple, lime, peach flavors), and long on the finish. 2023, Issues #204 - #209

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Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett 2021

[95] Mosel Fine Wines

This wine offers a beautifully refined and finely aromatic nose of candied greengage, almond cream, vineyard peach, and prune. The wine has a great creamy (not unlike Spätlese) yet light-weighted side on the palate. The finish has gorgeous precision and purity in the very long and chiseled finish. This is a magnificently playful fruity-styled wine. *August 2022*



Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Spätlese 2021

[95] James Suckling

A very bright and elegant energetic Mosel Spätlese with a very wide spectrum of fruit aromas from nectarine to passion fruit via blackberry with a touch of mint. Joyful freshness and vitality, this leaps and bounds over the palate. Super-fresh and long finish with a ton of wet stone minerality. *August 2022*

[93] Wine Advocate

Greenish on the coolish and flinty/earthy/mineral nose that shows lemon leaf and lime juice aromas and shows a just-ripe character. Very elegant and refined on the palate, this is a juicy, savory and saline Spätlese with laser beam acidity. *August 2022*

[92] Wine Enthusiast

Intense aromas and flavors of pineapple, lemon preserve, apricot and wet stone are exuberant in this beautifully integrated version. The silky texture and vibrant profile add to the intrigue, while its nicely delineated finish smells like the morning dew in the slate-rich vineyards. August/September 2023

[92] Wine & Spirits

Complex and a little convoluted, this wine starts on green apple and ends on sweetness, tumbling over its white-peach fruit. Spritzy acidity cleans up the sweetness while fruit-skin savor lends it structure, the wine's clarity and future emerging over the course of several days. December 2023

[91] Wine Spectator

This round, luscious style has a lot to like, with honey-coated peach alternating with warm lentil and earth notes, flecked with bitter pith and dried green herbs. Grounded by mineral underpinnings and wet stone, this plush, off-dry white shows good density through the chewy, creamy finish. Web only 2023

[★★★★] Restaurant Wine

A rich wine, with peach, honey, pineapple, and lime flavors, a long palate impression, and a persistent finish. 2023, Issues #204 - #209



Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Auslese 2021

[95] James Suckling

Very cool and restrained, this has a very complex nose of crisp pear, fresh herbs with touches of rhubarb and passion fruit. Serious tension between mineral acidity and delicate fruit on the super-clean palate. Long precise and pristine finish. *August 2022*

[94+] Wine Advocate

This is super clear and flinty on the beautifully reductive and precisely aromatic nose. Lush yet refined and crystalline on the palate, this is an intense, round and juicy, very elegant and mouth-watering Auslese with delicate lemon bitters on the finish. Excellent. *August 2022*

[94] Wine Enthusiast

There are lots of vanilla spice and brioche notes in this languid style, which is marked by intermingled notes of saffron and tarragon, but also by its generous flavors of melon, yellow apple and quince paste. The richly spice finish shows notes of coconut meat, with honeyed edges on the long, inviting finish. *August/September* 2023

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Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese 2021

[96] James Suckling – Top 100 Wines of Germany 2022 (#68) –

All the flowers of a summer garden in Northern Europe plus the contents of a greenhouse full of tropical plants. Very filigree with fresh herb delicacy. Then comes a finish of dreamy beauty that makes you forget all the troubles of the world. *August* 2022

[95] Wine Advocate

This is intense and bright on the layered and lovely minty, finely coolish and very delicate and flinty nose. Concentrated and lush on the palate, this is a saline and tensioned, mouthwatering Spätlese of great elegance, finesse and freshness. *August* 2022

[95] Wine Enthusiast — Cellar Selection — Top 100 Cellar Selections of 2023 (#94)

Silky and suave, it features gorgeous notes of acacia honey, violet and mineral that frame the juicy core of nectarine, mango and passion fruit. It is pretty concentrated, yet graceful and shows great definition, partly because of its acidity, that flows almost unnoticeably before its emergence toward the finish where it leaves your mouth watering after a wave of spice and floral notes. *August/September 2023*

[92] Wine Spectator

A delicious example of the Spätlese style etched in smoke, salt and earth, with elegant peach, apricot and dried sage flavors. Shows wet slate and citrus zest that bring energy to the rich profile, while the density builds toward the finish. Web only 2023

[★★★★★] Restaurant Wine

Remarkable: very elegant in style, with refined character (linden blossom, peach, honey, pineapple), excellent balance, and a crisp, persistent finish. 2023, Issues #204-#209



Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese 2021

[96] Wine Advocate

From the southeast-facing parts of the JSU, the 2021 is intense but also refined and elegant on the coolish and lemony, even leafy but very delicate and savory nose. Lush and saline on the palate, this is a dense, savory and stimulating Auslese made to be enjoyed in magnums about 15 years from now. The acidity is fine and well embedded into the lush and generous but precise and elegant fruit. August 2022

[96] James Suckling

Smelling the nose of this wine is like walking into a room filled with vases of white flowers. Breathtaking concentration and purity of flavor on the incredibly precise palate. Normally a Riesling Auslese is frankly sweet, but this aspect of the wine has been hidden, its sweetness at the back of the bottom drawer and forthrightly displays all its mineral beauty. *August* 2022

[95] Wine Enthusiast — Editors' Choice —

This shows amazing complexity, and bursts with flavor, but with great purity and delineation. Dense and mouthcoating, but never heavy, it exudes violet, baked pineapple, vanilla spice and mineral aromas and flavors. It is all sewn into a succulent texture that adds to the intrigue. The finish is kaleidoscopic and almost ethereal. *August/September 2023*

[95] Wine & Spirits

Sunny freshness pours out of this glass, the wine opening like a window in spring to pale red-fruit notes of strawberry tops. The texture is creamy luscious and beautiful, bringing a savory note of pie crust to sweetness that's filled with flavor. Voluptuous and rich Riesling. December 2023

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Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Auslese Goldkapsel 2021

[97] Wine Advocate

Offers an intense and concentrated nose with savory grapefruit and ripe peach aromas and very fine raisin and slate aromas. Voluptuous and luscious and the palate, this is a mouth-filling, seductive and irresistible, weightless and seamless Auslese that pairs richness with finesse, crystalline salinity and purity. This is an amazing, ethereal but also hedonistic Auslese that has the delicacy, finesse and filigreed appearance of the Juffer-Sonnenuhr. Amazingly enough, the 2021 already tastes fabulous, and there are not many reasons to wait years or even decades to drink it, although the wine can last for decades to come. *August 2022*

[97] James Suckling

A great botrytis Auslese with stunning mangosteen, passion fruit and mango character with floral honey drizzled over it. Gigantic depth and concentration, yet this wafts over the palate with apparent weightlessness. Sensationally vibrant interplay of super-ripe fruit and crystalline acidity. *August* 2022

[93] Wine & Spirits

A lot of stamina and power plays off this wine's honest fruit, ripened to golden apricot and raisin. It's classical Riesling jazz, super long on fruit, a clean burst in the key of C. December 2023



Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese Goldkapsel 2021

[98] Wine Advocate

This wine is concentrated and fresh on the savory, lemon-scented nose. On the palate, this is a sweet, lush, very intense and rich, stimulating, saline and lemon-bitter Auslese that is voluptuous but also zesty and delicate. It's made to be aged for at least 10 to 20 years. *August* 2022

[98] James Suckling

Super concentrated and succulent with a delicacy and refinement that must be smelt and toasted to be believed. So many exotic fruits and flower aromas there's no way to count them. Glides off in the direction of infinity. Enormous aging potential. *August* 2022

Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Beerenauslese 2021

[98] Mosel Fine Wines

Offers an absolutely stunning nose made of citrusy elements, almond cream, flowers, dried fruits, and smoke. Despite its huge sense of almond creaminess, this BA proves incredibly elegant and focused on the palate and leaves a precise and incredibly tight feel in the long and persistent finish. This is a truly magnificent BA. September 2023-Issue No. 67

[97] James Suckling

This essence of the 2021 vintage is still pretty extreme, not least due to the enormous concentration of exotic fruit character, but the acidity is also like a lightning strike. There is also some mushroom character from botrytis that needs to integrate. However, that is absolutely understandable for this very early stage in the development of a wine that has many decades ahead of it. *August 2022*

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Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Beerenauslese 2021

[100] James Suckling

Titanically concentrated and super-fine this is one of the best BAs I have ever tasted as a young wine. A spectacularly fine spectrum of exotic fruits. As concentrated as it is subtle and filigree. Everything fits perfectly and the gigantic freshness lifts everything into the realm of weightlessness. *August* 2022

[99] Mosel Fine Wines

Offers a superbly creamy nose made of almond cream, lemon, dried fruits, pineapple, apricot, and smoke. The wine proves incredibly zesty and elegant on the palate despite a huge sense of creaminess. The finish is multi-layered, silky, deep, intense, and packed with pineapple, lemon, and riper dried fruits. What an incredible success! September 2023-Issue No. 67

Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese 2021

[100] James Suckling

Imagine an essence of the finest tropical fruit that you can find and then you have grasped the core of this truly extraordinary Riesling TBA that shines through its finesse and precision as much as through its enormous concentration. Then when you think you've understood all there is to know about this extraordinary wine comes a tidal wave of lusciousness and minerality at the finish. *August* 2022

[100] Mosel Fine Wines

Offers a superb nose made of exotic fruits (including passion fruit, pineapple, and coconut), almond cream, and dried fruits, all wrapped into spices and herbs. The wine is incredibly precise and focused on the palate and leaves a simply stunning cocktail of freshness, opulent creamy elements, and dried fruits in the seemingly never-ending finish. While the acidity is firm, this modern-day legend in the making offers everything one expects from an elegant TBA. September 2023-Issue No. 67

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[100] Mosel Fine Wines

Offers a stunningly pure nose made of passion fruit puree, pineapple, mint, dried fruits, almond cream, and strong citrusy elements. The wine is gorgeously playful on the palate and leaves a remarkably playful feel in the remarkably racy finish. This is pure TBA perfection in a racy and focused style. September 2023-Issue No. 67