



Highlights from the Press – Maximin Grünhaus 2021



Maximin Grünhäus Maximin Riesling 2021

[90] *Decanter* By Clive Pursehouse

A touch off-dry with loads of fleshy apricot aromas braced with a note of orange zest. Zippy acidity marks the palate with streaks of lime pith, spice and ginger flavors. *March 2024*

[89] *View from the Cellar*

This wine delivered a complex nose of apple, pear, iris blossom, slate minerality and a topnote of bee pollen. On the palate the wine is medium-full, delicate, and complex, with a lovely core, excellent mineral undertow, zesty acids and fine focus and grip on the long and classy finish. *September-October 2022*

[88] *Wine Enthusiast*

An easy off-dry example with notes of roasted pineapple and pear and herbal hints. It shows persistence and elegance. *February 2023*

[88] *JamesSuckling.com*

Plenty of yellow and red apple fruit. Juicy and well-balanced, the interplay of racy acidity, and a touch of unfermented grape sweetness pleasant, but not sophisticated. A touch of rusticity shows the sweetness. *August 2022*

[★★★★+] *Restaurant Wine*

Very floral and fruity in flavor (lime, peach, pineapple, apple blossom), it is medium bodied, round, and well balanced, with a medium long finish. Remarkable value. 2023, *Issues* #204 – #209



Maximin Grünhäus Schloss Riesling 2021

[91] *JamesSuckling.com*

Brimming with fresh herbs and wild berries in the nose, this also reminds me of the smell of a forest after rain. Cool and sleek palate, but well-structured and wit a juiciness that easily balances the crisp acidity. Long wet stone and yellow apple finish. *August 2022*

[91] *View from the Cellar*

The wine offers up a complex and beautifully floral bouquet of lilacs, violets, iris blossoms, pear, yellow plum, bee pollen, a nice touch of wild yeasts and a lovely base of slate. On the palate the wine is bright, fullish, and complex, with a great spine of minerality, zesty acids, precise focus and cut and lovely, seamless balance on the long and vibrant finish. *September-October 2022*

[91] *Owen Bargreen*

Ripe and round on the generous mouth, the wine shows off sweetened gooseberry, nectarine, wet slate and shades of ginger on the palate. Delicious and lithe. *June 2023*

[90] *Wine Enthusiast*

Vibrant acidity underscores note of singed orange peel, gooseberry and ginger in this dry Riesling. It shows great integration of its almost austere backbone with the fruit that balances the overall impression. *February 2023*

[88] *Mosel Fine Wines*

This offers a beautiful nose made of bitter grapefruit, fine herbal elements, a touch of mint, whipped cream, and spices. The wine is still on the tart side on the palate and leaves a mouthwatering but still rather firm fell of zest at this early stage in the long finish. The aftertaste is beautifully packed with fruity flavors but also rather on the dry side. *August 2022*

[★★★★★] *Restaurant Wine*

An exceptional 2021 dry Riesling, the Schloss is medium bodied, round, crisp, and intensely flavored (pineapple, peach skin, yellow plum, lime), with fine balance, and a very long finish. Terrific value. 2023, *Issues* #204 – #209

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Maximin Grünhäus Grünhäuser Riesling 2021

[93] *JamesSuckling.com*

Very striking nose of white peach plus a slew of wild berries and herbs. Very cool and elegant, but with remarkable depth. The minerality grows and grows at the very long finish where the acidity is beautifully integrated. *August 2022*

[92] *View from the Cellar*

This wine delivers an excellent bouquet of pear, fresh lime, mint, a beautiful base of slate, wild yeasts, dried flowers, and citrus peel. On the palate the wine is snappy, fullish, and mineral-driven, with a lovely core of fruit, impeccable balance, a fine blade of acidity and a long, focused and complex finish. This is simply outstanding dry Riesling. *September-October 2022*

[90] *Mosel Fine Wines*

It offers a beautiful even if still reduced nose made of mint, citrusy fruits, cassis, elderflower, chalky minerals, and smoke. The wine is on the firm side on the palate at this early stage and reveals its potential only in the long, dry, and tart finish. The aftertaste is full of intense citrusy and minty elements. *August 2022*

[89] *Wine Spectator*

A delicate, pure style, with lime juice, green pear and citrus peel flanked by white pepper and herbaceous notes. Gains firm footing from a solid mineral foundation. *June 2023*



Maximin Grünhäus Pinot Blanc 2021

[91] *Wine Enthusiast*

Very slight oxidative notes lurk here, but the stunning flavors of pear and quince, couple with Fleur del Sel and balanced almond take over and light up the stage. The finish is pure. *February 2023*

[91] *JamesSuckling.com*

Fortright nose of acacia blossom and lemon peel. Right from the beginning this medium-bodied, dry, Pinot Blanc offers some serious wet stone minerality plus a slew of citrusy freshness. Long, invigorating finish. We find the crip acidity well integrated. *August 2022*

[90] *View from the Cellar*

The wine offers up a bright bouquet of apple, peach, fruit blossoms, a lovely base of red slate and a topnote of lilac. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, focused with a good core of fruit, fine mineral undertow and grip, bright acids, and a long, well-balanced finish. *Sept.-Oct. 2022*

[88] *Mosel Fine Wines*

This is a dry wine with a bright hay-color and an attractive nose made of pear, mirabelle, greengage, smoke, slate and fine aniseed herbs. The wine proves smooth and not without presence on the silky palate and leaves an attractive feel of fresh herbs and also presence in the long finish. *August 2022*



Maximin Grünhäus Pinot Blanc Réserve 2021

[92] *Decanter By Clive Pursehouse*

It has two years on the lees and a touch of oak that shows this wine's seriousness. Sterling brilliance with loads of stony minerality, starfruit and kaffir lime leaf aromas. The palate is bright and focused, with crushed stone, lime pith, and flinty notes. *March 2024*

[92] *JamesSuckling.com*

Very striking interplay of bright oak with stacks of fresh nut character. The balance of the two is even better on the palate, than in the nose. Everything interlocks very neatly on the medium-bodied palate. Still needs a bit of time to open up fully. Very harmonious finish. *August 2023*

[90] *Mosel Fine Wines*

This yellow-hay-colored wine offers a deep nose of herbs, spices, cream, apple, starfruit, mirabelle, and white flowers. It proves nicely juicy and subtly creamy on the palate where the oak impact is subtle and nicely fading into the background. The finish is fruity, subtly spicy, and, above all, hugely enjoyable. *June 2024*

[90+] *Mosel Fine Wines*

It is still quite reserved at first, but develops a beautifully complex and pure nose of fine spices, Conference pear, anise, bergamot, and oriental spices. The wine is quite smooth and juicy on the rather broad and aromatic palate. Light notes of vanilla and oak come through in the long and tart finish. *June 2023*

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Maximin Grünhäus Herrenberg Riesling Kabinett 2021

[94] *Mosel Fine Wines*

This is a fruity-styled wine with a subtly ripe but hugely engaging nose made of pear, white peach, fine spices, and herbal elements. The wine has all the hallmarks of great Ruwer Kabinett as mint, chalky minerals, and white peach drive the flavor profile. The finish is tart, vibrating, and intense, yet without any sense of weight. What a great Kabinett! *August 2022*

[94] *JamesSuckling.com*

Complex nose of peach, mango chutney and fresh herbs. At once succulent and vibrant, this is a very beautiful Kabinett that is hard to resist. Staggering vitality at the very long crystalline finish. *August 2022*

[94] *View from the Cellar*

The wine is beautifully precise aromatically, wafting from the glass in a mix of pear, yellow plum, wild yeasts, fresh lime, red slate, Herrenberg botanicals, white lilies, and iris blossoms. On the palate the wine is pure, medium-bodied, and filigreed, with a lovely core, just a touch of sweetness, ripe, zesty acids, seamless balance and superb length and grip on the complex finish. *September-October 2022*

[92] *Wine Spectator*

A vibrant yet earthy wine crafted in an opulent, very ripe and sweet style, with a bed of flint supporting bruised apple, star anise and warm peach. Decadent and round on the palate, with a hint of nutmeg. This builds to an impressively long and lime zest-infused finish. *June 2023*

[92] *Wine Enthusiast*

A smoky note opens up this rather firm Kabinett that is primarily mineral driven, and then the sweet guava, white raspberry and star fruit come out. This dances on the palate in a groovy way. Long finish. *February 2023*



Maximin Grünhäus Herrenberg Riesling Superior 2021

[94] *JamesSuckling.com*

Cool and restrained nose with notes of blackberry, yellow grapefruit and fresh mint. Then on the sleek and polished palate the minerality creeps up on you more and more. *August 2022*

[92+] *Mosel Fine Wines*

This is an off-dry wine with a still rather reduced nose of fresh herbs and spices and only gradually reveals its core of fine fruity elements. The wine is superbly focused and nicely racy on the palate and leaves a beautifully tart feel in the long finish. *August 2022*

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Maximin Grünhäus Abtsberg Riesling Kabinett 2021

[94] *JamesSuckling.com*

Tightly structured and very focused, this stunning Riesling Kabinett is brimming with white peach fruit, plus a slew of mint and basil freshness. Extreme wet stone minerality on the pristine palate where there's a raciness that could waken the dead. Enormous aging potential. *August 2022*

[94] *View from the Cellar*

The very complex bouquet jumps from the glass in a blaze of apple, mirabelle, lime, salty slate minerality, lilacs, bee pollen, wild yeasts, cress, and a hint of upper register smokiness. On the palate the wine is pure, medium-bodied with a lovely core, great precision and grip, zesty acids and a long, beautifully balanced and filigreed finish. *Sept.-Oct. 2022*

[93+] *Mosel Fine Wines*

This is a fruity-styled wine with a subtly backward nose made of fresh herbs, white peach, a dash of apricot, some fine spices, and smoke. The wine is beautifully focused and precise on the racy palate and leaves a great feel of fresh apricot, spices, and herbs in the long finish. There is upside here if the wine reveals its fresher side at maturity. *August 2022*

[93] *Wine Enthusiast*

Here is an exemplary Kabinett, beautiful from start to finish. It features an underlying mineral note that glides along the core of guava, mango and quince paste, with vibrant acidity that sweeps it all to deliver a long mouthwatering finish. *February 2023*

[91] *Wine Spectator*

A juicy, round version, this starts off with flint and smoke, opening up to unveil warm apple and baking spices that envelop the palate. Features a firm, acidic structure that brings focus and balance to the slightly off-dry profile. Pure, complex and delicious. *June 2023*



Maximin Grünhäus Abtsberg Riesling Superior 2021

[95] *JamesSuckling.com*

Fabulously ripe nose of fully ripe peach and apricot for the 2021 vintage. Simultaneously succulent and vibrant on the medium-bodied palate. Staggering mint and basil freshness are married to a yellow grapefruit character at the very long, crisp finish. *August 2022*

[94] *Mosel Fine Wines*

This is an off-dry wine with a superb nose of cassis, white peach, fine herbs, and spices. The wine is superbly tart on the barely off-dry palate and leaves a stunning feel of fresh herbs in the long finish. A superb touch of bitter grapefruit adds freshness to the aftertaste.

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[90] *Wine Spectator*

Lush and full, this off-dry style has a lot of love, with citrus blossoms and honey-coated nectarine merging with jicama, guava and green herbs. Glossy and pure, with a mineral-edged raciness that keeps this clean. *Web only 2023*

Maximin Grünhäus Bruderberg Riesling Kabinett 2021

[93] *Mosel Fine Wines*

This fruity-styled wine with a superbly delineated and backward nose made of chalky minerals, citrusy fruits, herbs, and spices. The wine is precise, focused, and sharp on the palate and leaves a stunningly vibrant feel in the light-footed finish. What a stunning success! *August 2022*

[92] *JamesSuckling.com*

Very flinty and leesy in the nose this Kabinett is still very youthful, but already has a prototypical pristine clarity and an almost dangerous freshness. So much mint character, but also plenty of melon and red apple fruit. *August 2022*

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Maximin Grünhäus Herrenberg Riesling GG 2021

[95] *JamesSuckling.com*

Deep nose of white and yellow peach, Amalfi lemon and fresh garden herbs. Stunning interplay of ripeness, racy acidity and very intense slatey minerality that runs right through the wine to the very end where the wet stone character is almost as intense as this can possibly get. *August 2022*

[94] *Decanter* By Clive Pursehouse

It has two years on the lees and a touch of oak that shows this wine's seriousness. Sterling brilliance with loads of stony minerality, starfruit and kaffir lime leaf aromas. The palate is bright and focused, with crushed stone, lime pith, and flinty notes. *March 2024*

[93] *Wine Enthusiast*

It is ripe, yet with prominent acidity, displaying peach, melon and wax aromas, followed by pear and slate flavors. There's ample acidity, but the flesh matches, creating a balanced profile. It is actually very light on its feet, with great poise, but also firm grip. It glides to a long aftertaste. *August/September 2023*

[93] *Wine Spectator*

Starts off floral and somewhat reserved aromatically, soon revealing its inner density. Pulsing with mineral energy, this has stone fruit and apple infused with subtle white tea and honeycomb notes on a firm palate. Gains texture, weight and a bitter component from chalky minerality, while a beam of acidity powers through the lengthy finish. *Web only 2023*

[93] *Wine & Spirits*

The wine carries the scent of a basket of fresh peaches in August, its flavors layered with musk, citrus, and peach-at-the-pit tannins. Simple and gracious now, this Riesling's lasting flavors predict a long life ahead. *December 2023*

[93] *Mosel Fine Wines*

The wine offers a superb nose of white peach, grapefruit, mint, and smoke. The wine proves superbly balanced on the palate and leaves a great feel of herbs and fruitiness. The finish is beautifully airy and long. This is a great wine. *August 2022*



Maximin Grünhäus Abtsberg Riesling GG 2021

[95] *Decanter*

Young, floral, fresh, almost innocent, with hints of mint and elderflower. Dry and serious, relies entirely on the natural substance of expression. Slender body with ripe, well-integrated acidity. — Caro Maurer
August 2023

[95] *JamesSuckling.com*

Dense ripe peach and apricot character with a touch of mango chutney. Extremely vibrant on the super-focused, medium-bodied palate thanks to the electric acidity, but the wet stone minerality easily balances the wine's raciness. Very long and pristine finish. *August 2022*

[94] *Mosel Fine Wines*

This wine offers a superb nose of cassis, grapefruit, mint, and smoke. The wine proves superbly balanced on the palate and leaves a great feel of mint, fine chalky minerals, and a touch of spices in the long finish. The aftertaste is beautifully airy and long. This is a great dry wine. *August 2022*

[93] *Decanter* By Clive Pursehouse

White peach skin aromas open the wine's aromatic show, quickly following saline characters of seaspray, flint and hints of cardamom spice. The palate is fleshy peach, honeyed apricot and a wonderful elderflower note braced by stone and saline minerality. *March 2024*

[91] *Wine Spectator*

Focused and pure, with generous ripe fruit grounded by a well of smoky mineral notes. Offers white peach and fresh-cut grass that spill out on the medium-weight palate, with grapefruit pith acidity shoring up the finish. *Web only 2023*

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Maximin Grünhäus Herrenberg Riesling Eiswein 2021

[97] *James Suckling* Reviewed by Stuart Pigott

Something very rare in the 21st century thanks to climate change. Fabulous papaya, mangosteen and passion fruit aromas. As vibrant as it is concentrated with a very sensual interplay of racy acidity and deep fruit. Spot-on balance and extreme purity of flavor for this shrinking category. *September 2023*

[95] *Mosel Fine Wines*

Offers a very pure and zesty nose of candied citrusy fruits, rhubarb, lime, acacia, candied apricot, quince, smoke, and honey. The wine is superbly intense and creamy on the palate, yet the zesty side makes for a very highly sprung and intense experience. The beautifully animating but firm acidic profile in the finish makes us opt to enjoy this beauty rather sooner than later. *September 2023-Issue No. 67*
