

# Highlights from the Press – Weingut Wittman 2023

#### James Suckling

"For the Wittmann winery in Westhofen, 2023 was also probably the most exciting vintage of modern times. Stuart [Pigott] was overwhelmed by the range of Philipp Wittmann's dry Riesling GGs, but the star was clearly the perfect-scoring 2023 Wittmann Morstein Riesling GG. The interplay of mineral darkness and stone fruit light in the glass is incredible, and the wine is extremely deep yet also enchanting and fascinating. Only the 2019 and 2007 vintages of this wine match the 2023, and together they set a very high bar for Rheinhessen Riesling GG wines." *August 30, 2024* — *Stuart Pigott, Jim Gordon, and Claire Nesbitt* 

#### Wittmann Morstein Riesling GG 2023



# [100] JamesSuckling — Top 100 Wines of the Year #14 —

Nothing is more fundamental to the world than the interplay of light and darkness, and this wine brings that into your glass in a completely compelling way. There's an incredible intensity to the minerality of this dry Riesling. It's a giant of originality, but lies at the upper edge of medium-bodied, resulting in a fantastic sense of lightness. Extraordinary

focus and precision in the enchanting and totally fascinating finish. August 30, 2024 – Reviewed by Stuart Pigott

#### [98] Vinous

Still flickers with the slightest flinty reduction on its cool nose, but with air, lemon moves in and stays center stage. The palate is just as lemony and immediately projects cooling, moist, chalky depth. The palate is slender, delving deep into that chalkiness. Scented with lemon and bedded on soothing, citric yeast, the finish is totally zesty, precise, strait-laced, pristine and very long. October 2024 — Reviewed by Anne Krebiehl MW

# [96+] Wine Advocate

Pure and extremely salty on the palate, with a very firm and grippy structure and an almost dry/drying minerality, this Morstein draws saliva. It seems more austere and sinewy here and now than the Brunnenhäuschen, and it's still extremely influenced by limestone. This is a great and promising wine. Tasted at the Vorpremiere VDP. Grosses Gewächs in Wiesbaden in August 2024. In another tasting two days earlier at the domaine, the 2023 Morstein showed a wonderfully chalky, elegantly fruity and balanced nose. Pure and with citrusy freshness as well as chalky salinity, this is a ravishingly fine, elegant and clever Morstein that is light-years away from the abundance and power of the 2000s and early 2010s. This is vibrant and stimulating salty and truly reminiscent of Champagnes from the Côte des Blancs. A magnificent Morstein! October 2024 — Reviewed by Stephan Reinhardt

# [96] Decanter

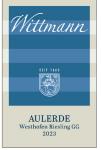
Limestone for precision, clay marl for richness — these apparent contradictions in the Morstein vineyard create a captivating tension in Wittmann's wine. The kaleidoscope of aromas reveals notes of citrus, peach stone, lemon pepper, lemon zest, and a hint of bergamot and powdered sugar. Its true greatness is still only hinted at, especially in its remarkable length. *October 10, 2024. Reviewed by: Caro Maurer MW* 

# [93] Mosel Fine Wines

Offers a refined and complex nose of minty spices, greengage, vineyard peach, yellow flowers, pepper, ginger, and some earthy herbs. The wine proves juicy and coats the palate with some ripe yellow fruits, giving it a suave and delicate side. Yet the finish has more grip and energy and leaves a beautifully dry and spicy edge. The length is superb, and there is just a touch of tartness in need of integration before true pleasure. This dry Riesling is impressive. *September 2024, Issue No. 72* 

#### Wittmann Aulerde Riesling GG 2023

#### [97] James Suckling



#### Bold, compact and concentrated, this astonishing dry Riesling GG makes a very serious statement. It also remains cool and restrained, with a glittering thread of flint winding through the textural complexity on the medium- to full-bodied palate. Try to be patient, because this is delicious now, but the tension in the extremely long finish and the youthfulness of

the aromas speak of wine with decades of life

ahead of it. August 30, 2024 – Reviewed by Stuart Pigott

#### [94] Wine Advocate

Wittmann's Westhofen 2023 Aulerde Riesling GG continues the top performances of the last five years. It has a deep, concentrated, fresh and citrusy nose with substantial saltiness and still some reduction, reminiscent of clay, lime and lime chutney, and a dense and tightly woven palate. This is a fleshy, juicy and concentrated, very youthful but elegant and balanced Aulerde with great potential and long-lasting minerality and savoriness, but it's also generous and elegant in its fruit expression. October 2024 – Reviewed by Stephan Reinhardt

#### [94] Vinous

A touch of mellow, ripe, yellow apple appears alongside gentle lemon on the nose. The palate also has that beautiful yellow apple spice and lively juiciness and texture. The serene and smooth yet hearty palate radiates coolness. October 2024 — Reviewed by Anne Krebiehl MW

#### Wittmann Kirchspiel Riesling GG 2023



# [98] James Suckling

How can a mysterious labyrinth be so delightful? Because at every turn there's a new aspect of the wine's beauty. The incredible tension between the flinty and floral aspects of this wine makes it remarkably energetic for a dry Riesling with this level of concentration. Then comes an astonishing Amalfi lemon freshness in the super-long and precise finish. *August 30, 2024 – Reviewed by Stuart Pigott* 

# [96] Vinous

Notes of lemon balm and chervil, deeply scented and deliciously herbal. The palate gushes with coolness, like a mountain brook over stone, sinking deeper and deeper into the cool limestone with its serene, bright, lemony scent and the merest creamy edge — rather seductive. Pure, ripe lemon zest shines on the finish. October 2024 – Reviewed by Anne Krebiehl MW

# [95] Wine Advocate

Clear, bright, elegant and fresh, with spicy citrus fruit and a distinct lime and saline note, Wittmann's Westhofen 2023 Kirchspiel Riesling GG starts strong! Elegant, dense and creamy on the palate, it has a zesty character but is also balanced and noble in texture. Pleasantly round, juicy and intense and always supported by its limestone texture, this is an excellent Riesling from Westhofen! October 2024 – Reviewed by Stephan Reinhardt

# [90] Mosel Fine Wines

Presents a delicately spicy and fruity nose of minty herbs, white peach, conference pear, lime, candied grapefruit, cardamom, and a touch of pineapple. The wine is nicely light-weight and delicately juicy, yet there is also some underlying spicy acidity. The finish proves smoky and long and has more tension and is slightly broader. This dry Riesling is rather direct but will gain in complexity with a few years of aging. *September 2024, Issue No. 72* 

#### Wittmann Brunnenhäuschen Riesling GG 2023



#### [98] James Suckling

The orange blossom, ripe nectarine and melon aromas of this great dry Riesling GG are breathtakingly beautiful. This super-elegant, medium-bodied expression of the high-altitude Brunnenhäuschen site effortlessly underplays its great power and concentration, dancing its way over your palate. *August 30, 2024 – Reviewed by Stuart Pigott* 

#### [97] Vinous

Tender savory notions on the nose suggest some green apple peel, a peppery touch of watercress and lemony coolness. The palate comes with fine-boned substance, chalky depth and cool, almost breezy, slightly saline freshness. We are very far from ocean here, but this is salty like an ocean breeze, almost like an oyster shell. It's beautifully saline and maritime in its entire character. October 2024 – Reviewed by Anne Krebiehl MW

#### [96] Wine Advocate

Has a deep, clear, precise, fresh and substantial nose of crushed limestone and salt. On the palate, this is dense and tremendously complex and mineral, supported by fine, ripe, elegant acidity. It's astringent and powerful on the finish yet always exciting, delicate and with natural length and intensity. This great Riesling is one of the highlights of the vintage on the Rhine. October 2024 – Reviewed by Stephan Reinhardt

#### [92] Mosel Fine Wines

Shows a superbly complex and finely spicy nose of almond, wild and minty herbs, smoke, ginger, spearmint, lime, and black tea. The wine is well structured and proves impactful on the still slightly compact palate, where notes of herbs, candied lime, and licorice come through. It leaves an intense and long finish, where more lightness and zesty elements are noticeable. There is a touch of tannins and tartness in need of integration. This is already a serious and structured expression of dry Riesling. *September 2024, Issue No.* 72

#### Wittmann Estate Riesling Trocken 2023



# [93] James Suckling

This stunning entry-level wine marries the power we associate with the Wonnegau sub-region of Rheinhessen with a wonderful elegance. The chalky minerality builds impressively on the compact, medium-bodied palate. Very long, complex finish for this category. *August 30, 2024 – Reviewed by Stuart Pigott* 

# [91+] Wine Advocate

Opens with a remarkable aromatic yet fine and elegant bouquet with tangerine, chalk and sur lie aromas and a discreet salinity in the background. Fresh and very elegant on the palate, this is a mediumbodied, stimulating savory yet also round and finessed Riesling with great purity and excellent quality. This is one of the Best Buys of the vintage when it comes to dry, terroir-driven Rieslings. October 2024 – Reviewed by Stephan Reinhardt

# [90] Vinous

Chervil, flint and lemon immediately show nerve and verve, fragrant and fresh. This is slender, bright, absolutely pure and sprightly, with vivid lemon brightness and zesty, bone-dry length. October 2024 — Reviewed by Anne Krebiehl MW

#### Wittmann Weisser Burgunder (Pinot Blanc) 2023

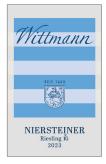


#### [90] James Suckling

Almost as flinty as a Chablis on the nose, this dry Pinot Blanc then turns light and tender on the palate. The silky texture and delicacy give this plenty of appeal.

August 30, 2024 – Reviewed by Stuart Pigott

#### Wittmann Niersteiner Riesling Trocken "Aus Ersten Lagen" 1G 2023



# [94] James Suckling

This dry Riesling from the famous commune of Neirstein has a wonderful creaminess, but the most striking thing about it is the herbal and mineral intensity that drives it along. They also give a terrific elegance and excitement (a rare combination). Very long, focused and delicate finish. August 30, 2024 – Reviewed by Stuart Pigott

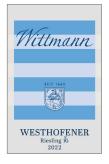
#### [93] Wine Advocate

Deep, intense and citric as well as flinty/mineral on the nose that is elegant and balanced and remarkably complex. Full-bodied, pure and fresh on the palate, this is an intense and elegant, juicy, balanced and stimulating Riesling with delicate acidity, a saline finish and a long, aromatic aftertaste. October 2024 – Reviewed by Stephan Reinhardt

# [92] Vinous

Tangerine teases right away on the nose, with just a touch of petrichor. The palate is super-slender, beautifully salty, mouthwatering and made in the streamlined Wittmann fashion. It tinkles beautifully with citrus peel spiciness and a stony, saline finish. October 2024 — Reviewed by Anne Krebiehl MW

#### Wittmann Westhofener Riesling Trocken "Aus Ersten Lagen" 1G 2023



# [95] James Suckling

This village wine is a masterpiece of elegance and originality. Deep and elegant on the extremely precise, medium-bodied palate. This has a joyful energy that's impossible to resist (unless you don't like dry white wine). Flows so gracefully over the palate, like a hero riding off into the sunset at the end of a great movie. August 30, 2024 – Reviewed by Stuart Pigott

# [93] Wine Advocate

Opens with a deep, pure and intense, limestone-driven bouquet with burnt chalk and lemon juice aromas. Very elegant and with a fine, silky texture on the palate, this is a savory, lemony and lively Riesling with fine grip and a long, intense finish. Wonderfully pure and salivating, this is a promising Riesling with style and finesse. October 2024 -Reviewed by Stephan Reinhardt

# [92] Vinous

The nose is shy, needing air to reveal a touch of chervil. The palate is all lemon, with a slight yet vibrant smattering of white pepper. Coolness and a smooth, almost creamy texture underline the wine's slenderness and chalky backdrop. October 2024 - Reviewed by Anne Krebiehl MW

#### Wittmann Gundersheimer Riesling Trocken "Aus Ersten Lagen" 1G 2023

# [95] James Suckling

Deep, stunning nose of peaches and Mirabelle plums with wild herb and preserved ginger complexity. Impressive concentration and a wonderful harmony on the medium- to full-bodied palate. Fantastic balance in the finish. 100% from the Hollenbrand site. August 30, 2024 -Reviewed by Stuart Pigott

# [92] Wine Advocate

Deep, intense and saline on the complex and forceful, slightly reductive nose. Elegant, fresh and savory on the palate, this is a deep, tight and still nervous, citrus-flavored and utterly mineral Riesling with intense and juicy yet refined fruit and serious substance. This is a Riesling that will benefit from bottle age and shouldn't be consumed too early. October 2024 – Reviewed by Stephan Reinhardt

# Wittmann Riesling Vom Kalkstein Trocken 2023

# [94] James Suckling

A rich and complete dry riesling with impressive power and concentration. Wonderful balance and textural complexity right through the medium- to full-bodied palate. So much peach and Mirabelle plum fruit, but it's not a jot loud. In fact it is the subtlety of the aromas that's most striking. August 30, 2024 - Reviewed by Stuart Pigott

# [92] Wine Advocate

Pure yet fragrant on the intense and elegant nose the displays ripe fruit aromas with hints of caramel, cracknel and salt breeze. Intense and vital on the palate, this is an energetic and textural Riesling with ripe, refined and elegant acidity. The finish is savory and stimulating saline and develops a stunning intensity and terroir expression. The terroirs here are several, though, but they are all on limestone, and limestone is the character of this lean and precise, very elegant dry Riesling. October 2024 – Reviewed by Stephan Reinhardt

# Wittmann 100 Hills Riesling Dry 2023



# [90] James Suckling

As bright as it is juicy, this medium-bodied dry Riesling is a real crowd pleaser. Fruit salad aromas in the best sense of these words. Very clean and vivid finish.

August 30, 2024 – Reviewed by Stuart Pigott

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#### Wittmann La Borne Riesling Trocken Alte Reben 2023

#### [96] Wine Advocate

The intensely yellow colored 2023 Riesling Alte Reben La Borne is deep, intense and aromatic on the elegant, pure and remarkably refined nose that offers juicy pineapple aromas intermingled with a fine chalkiness. It has composed complexity and is concentrated yet always balanced and seamless. Full-bodied, intense and juicy on the palate, this is a rich but elegant and buoyant, irresistibly aromatic and stimulating savory-finishing Riesling from the Gewann "Am oberen Brunnenhäuschen" within the grand cru Morstein. *October 2024 – Reviewed by Stephan Reinhardt* 

# [93+] Mosel Fine Wines

It displays a beautifully restrained yet intense nose of aniseed, herbal tea, earthy spices, candied grapefruit, freshly cut herbs, candy floss, and menthol, with a touch of conference pear and apricot in the background. The wine proves compact and intense on the palate, where some tartness currently gives some presence to the wine. The finish is slightly smoother yet very long and spicy. *October 2024* 

# Wittmann La Borne Riesling GG Alte Reben 2023

#### [99] James Suckling

Extremely vivid with a striking minty aroma, this single parcel wine interprets the Morstein site where it grew in a unique manner, marrying Mirabelle plum fruit with an astonishing freshness. Incredibly long and focused chalky finish. *August 30, 2024 – Reviewed by Stuart Pigott*