



WAGNER-STEMPEL - FIRST LOOK AT STUNNING 2018 GEMS

'German vintage 2018 – best ever?'
Michael Schmidt, JancisRobinson.com

**'Wagner's wines are the most arctic of the
Rheinhessen.** Although they share the ripe and intense yellow-
fruit flavours of those from Wonnegau and the Red Slope, their
cool, racy, mineral-spicy character resembles that of top Nahe
wines.'

Stephan Reinhardt, The Finest Wines of Germany.

Wagner Stempel 2018 new releases – the first arrivals from a
vintage for the ages!

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Wagner-Stempel Riesling Trocken 2018

94pts, Decanter Magazine

Wagner-Stempel Silvaner Trocken 2018

1911 – 1959 – 1976 – 2018... One of the greats!

It would be an understatement to say that 2018 was a good
vintage for German winemakers. The minuscule and incredibly
difficult 2017 vintage turned out to be a blessing in disguise. Well
rested and energetic vines, combined with the warm and blissfully

dry growing conditions of 2018, have turned out some of the best wines in decades, and in bountiful supply. Fill your boots!

'2018 takes its place in a series with 1911, 1959 and 2001. These wines were the driest years in our region in the last 100 years, and can be counted among the greats. Small Rhine, great wine'

KP Keller

Conditions were borderline perfect, the usual complaints of rain and hail nowhere to be found. Health of fruit and perfect ripeness came with ease, preservation of acid was the only pre-requisite to making stunning, age-worthy wine.



WAGNER STEMPEL **BACK VINTAGE SPECIAL OFFER -** **FREE MAGNUMS!**

Purchase 2 dozen back vintage wines (straight or mixed) and receive a
FREE Wagner Stempel 'Vom Porphyr' Riesling Trocken 2017 **MAGNUM**

Purchase 3 dozen back vintage wines (straight or mixed) and receive a
FREE Wagner Stempel 'Hollberg' Riesling GG 2017 **MAGNUM**

Purchase 4 dozen back vintage wines (straight or mixed) and receive a
FREE Wagner Stempel 'Heerkretz' Riesling GG 2017 **MAGNUM**

MAGNUM OFFER WINES (SOME LIMITED)

Wagner-Stempel 'Tirus Sparkling 2007

Wagner-Stempel 'Vom Porphyr' Riesling Trocken 2015

Wagner-Stempel 'Vom Porphyr' Riesling Trocken 2016

Wagner-Stempel 'Vom Porphyr' Riesling Trocken 2017

Wagner-Stempel 'Heerkretz' Riesling GG 2016

Wagner-Stempel 'Heerkretz' Riesling GG 2017

Wagner-Stempel 'Hollberg' Riesling GG 2017
Wagner-Stempel 'Scharlachberg' Riesling GG 2017

Wagner-Stempel Scheurebe Trocken 2017
Wagner-Stempel Siefersheim Pinot Noir 2016

Wagner-Stempel Riesling Kabinett 2016
Wagner-Stempel 'Heerkretz' Riesling Spatlese 2016
Wagner-Stempel 'Heerkretz' Riesling Auslese 2017
Wagner-Stempel 'Hollberg' Riesling Auslese 2017

SEE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILED NOTES



'Wagner-Stempel is one of my favorite producers in the Rheinhessen because the wines of Daniel Wagner are unique: they are clear like a mountain stream, crystalline, fresh and mineral as if they came from the Nahe.'

Stephan Reinhardt, The Wine Advocate.

'Mr. Riesling'
Meiningers Weinwelt



ABOUT THE DOMAINE

Established in 1845, Wagner Stempel is now well into its ninth generation of family stewardship. Daniel Wagner has converted the vineyards to organic production, and has lowered yields through far-reaching measures - manual pruning and canopy management as well as selective hand-picking in the autumn are corner-posts of his philosophy of wine production, which is based on the principle that outstanding wines are made in the vineyard.

The fruits of this passion for wine are evident each year in a range of wines characterized by clarity and freshness on the one hand, challenging, complex and concentrated on the other hand.



NOTES ON THE WINES

Wagner-Stempel 'Tirus' Sparkling 2007

Pinot Noir/Chardonnay blend made in the traditional method with upwards of 8 years on the lees. The fruit is predominately sourced from the Hollberg vineyard and is named after the striking medieval-like tower situated in the Heerkretz vineyard. The wine itself is drinking beautifully with nice doughy and bready notes, impressive texture from the lees work and a fresh line of acid keeping things focused.

Wagner-Stempel Kabinett Riesling 2017

92 points! A super Kabinett with the exact, just off-dry balance and raciness that marks this featherweight category, even though this doesn't come from a single vineyard (its a blend of Heerkretz and Höllberg). As fresh as a mountain stream and can be drunk right now. From organically grown grapes. Screw cap. *jamesuckling.com, 19th Sep 2018.*

Wagner-Stempel Riesling 'Vom Porphy' 2017

93 points! The nougat and white-chocolate notes on the nose are light years removed from the norm for a riesling from northern Germany. However, on the palate there's exactly the crystalline clarity, peachy fruit and citrusy freshness that you expect. Long, intense finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Screw cap. *jamesuckling.com, 19th Sep 2018.*

17/20 points! It's amazing what porphyry and Riesling can do together. A delightful fragrance brings together a breath of cool forest air, mountain-stream freshness and herbs, never mind the stone fruit. On the palate the wine manages to deliver all these components with absolute clarity, adding the merest of herbaceous touches and even a slight sprinkling of fennel. And all this without any concession to residual sugar, ie bone dry! *Michael Schmidt, jancisrobinson.com, 28th April 018.*

Wagner-Stempel Heerkretz GG 2017

Wagner-Stempel Heerkretz GG 2017 (Magnum)

97 points! The wines of Rheinhessen are supposed to be broad and generous, but this is a masterpiece of delicacy and subtlety. Still rather closed in the nose, where only the smoky aspect of the wine is showing. However, on the palate there's a cascade of stone-fruit, citrus and mineral notes right through the super-long finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink in 2019. *jamesuckling.com, 19th Sep 2018.*

18.5/20 points! Daniel Wagner should write a manual about how to get the best out of spontaneous fermentation. The Heerkretz is a lesson of how to get cool herbaceous freshness from the activity of ambient yeasts while preserving varietal fruit aromas and terroir. Stone fruit, green mint and a marked salty hint do not clash. They are worked into a gentle expression of complexity which can be appreciated on the long finish. *Michael Schmidt, jancisrobinson.com, 28th April 0218.*

Wagner-Stempel Heerkretz Auslese Riesling 2017

98 points! One of the best sweet riesling Auslese wines made in Rheinhessen this century. Cool and complex with a ton of fresh-herb (mint, lemon balm and dill) aromas, as well as fresh pineapple and white peaches. Super-concentrated, but also super-elegant with a stunning interplay of fruit and mineral acidity. The sweetness lingers far in the background. Unbelievably fresh and pristine finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. *jamesuckling.com, 19th Sep 2018.*

18/20 points! A slightly more opulent version of Auslese, the Heerkretz still manages to contain its generous expression of passion fruit and honeyed orange enough to let some fine herbal aromas make their point: subtle notes of lavender and thyme bring the scent of Mediterranean garrigue to Rheinhessen. The texture may be rich, but acidity is perfectly poised to retain a fresh finish. *Michael Schmidt, jancisrobinson.com, 28th April 018.*

Wagner-Stempel Hollberg GG 2017

Wagner-Stempel Hollberg GG 2017 (Magnum)

95 points! I love the complex nose of pineapple, yellow grapefruit, smoke and dried sage. In spite of the considerable concentration, this is remarkably light on its feet, thanks to the uplifting freshness and very mineral acidity that lights up the long finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. *jamesuckling.com, 19th Sep 2018.*

18/20 points! A cool aura of fresh green vegetation animates the olfactory perception. Also cool (but not austere so) is the combination of zesty grapefruit and salty minerality on the palate, well buffered by a rich texture. The finish is crisp with notes of green mint and sappy herbs. *Michael Schmidt, jancisrobinson.com, 28th April 018.*

Wagner-Stempel Hollberg Auslese Riesling 2017

96 points! Tons of pineapple, apricots, nectarines and mandarin oranges on the nose. Then, stunning succulence on the palate, the acidity lifting all this extravagance beautifully at the super-long and clean, citrusy finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. *jamesuckling.com, 19th Sep 2018.*

Wagner-Stempel Scharlachberg GG 2017

96 points! Tons of fresh herbs and wild berries in the nose. Then, enormous power and depth and a finish that keeps pumping out the minerals with a hint of chili-like piquancy. Only the second vintage of this wine, making it difficult to judge the aging potential. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. *jamesuckling.com, 19th Sep 2018.*

Wagner-Stempel Scheurebe 2017

92 points! Scheurebe isn't a fashionable grape, but this is a great, everyday-drinking wine. Like liquid peach melba, but with fresh mineral and lemon balm at the vibrant finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Screw cap. *jamesuckling.com, 19th Sep 2018.*

Wagner-Stempel Siefersheim Pinot Noir 2017

Really bright and fresh with a dark cherry and raspberry fruit profile, the wine enters softly on the palate but is really flavorful. A nice level of concentration and just-present-enough tannins give structure and length. It's not a light wine, but it's not heavy either. Lovely vibrant drinking.