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2021 Binger Scharlachberg Riesling **95 Points**

The 2021 Riesling Binger Scharlachberg has harvested on 29 October in the 1.2 ha parcel that is the historic Katharinenzins. The scent of wet stone marries with a certain earthiness on the nose. Here, that primary fruitiness has already sunk deeper into the wine, and the palate is a serene, buffered, smooth, yet slender rendition of textured stone. Later, there is a real sense of smokiness with a zesty, mouth-watering vein of brightness. The tingling freshness accentuates the essential saltiness of the wine. Wow. The 2021 is clear-cut, linear, incisive, absolutely stony and oh-so-long. (Bone-dry) Published June 2023

2021 Binger Kirchberg Riesling **95 Points**

The 2021 Riesling Binger Kirchberg seems to be in a closed phase. It needs much air to give up a notion of greengage peel and that scent of the wet, red rock. Later on, this verges into a serene lemon. It was fermented and aged in Stück. The palate is vivid. There is an immediate sense of salt, something mouthwatering, peppery, herbal and beguiling. The texture seems like pulverized rock, slightly drying and yet mouth-watering. The more you move the wine in your mouth, the deeper into that savory rock you sink. Lemon and stone unite. This notion defines the long finish. (Bone-dry) Published June 2023

2022 Binger Scharlachberg Riesling **93-95 Points**

The 2022 Riesling Binger Scharlachberg has harvested in a core parcel of the vineyard of 1.2 ha called Katharinenzins. This is not allowed to appear in the label, but the parcel was first documented in the 12th century. Tiny, millerandaged grapes (most likely planted in the 1980s) were harvested on 7 October 2022 at a yield of 20 hl/ha. This was fermented in Stück. Cream, apricot and an edge of lily open the nose. A salty intensity becomes more and more lemony as the wine warms up. Beguiling. The palate has an almost austere feeling, channelling wet stone that comes across the palate as though it was rock dust. This seems saturated with salty, serene stone, always shimmering with subtle citrus and a ripe acidity that lends a quiet but solid backbone to this stony wine. This wine is serene, stony, smooth, slender yet monumental. The long finish shows citrus and stone. Astonishing. (Bone-dry) Published June 2023

2022 Binger Kirchberg Riesling **93-95 Points**

The 2022 Riesling Binger Kirchberg was harvested on the red, iron-rich quartzite of the Kirchberg. This is an east-facing, cooler site looking onto the Rhine. They were planted in 2014 to a Mosel heritage clone isolated by Geisenheim, fermented and aged in Stück. The nose is still full of yeasty funk, but a tropical note of passion fruit is visible underneath. The palate is rounded, serene, edged with vivid citrus, tingling almost like grapefruit spice. There is a more peppery vein here and lovely, ever so slightly astringent web of phenolics that seems to drive that zestiness forward. The finish seems like water seeping into rock, solid somehow but also very lasting. There is a lovely, lemon-driven length. (Bone-dry) Published June 2023

2022 Binger Kirchberg Riesling Kabinett **93 Points**

The 2022 Riesling Binger Kirchberg kabinett smells of wet stone and citrus with a touch of spice and lemony breeziness. The palate has subtle sweetness, referencing juicy passion fruit and ripe Mirabelle plum. The lemony acidity streaks through the wine, making you want another sip, tingling

on the palate, adding saltiness and savor. The 2022 is complex, enticing, savory and long, pitching 43.1 g/l of residual sweetness against 9.4 g/l of acidity. Exciting. (Medium) Published June 2023

2022 Binger Osterberg Riesling **91-93 Points**

The 2022 Riesling Binger Osterberg is harvested from a south-facing parcel where the quartzite bedrock is covered by 30 meters of a former riverbed (from a previous run of the Nahe) that was raised. Within that are river pebbles and white limestone within a clay-marl soil. This is an elevated site with underground aquifers. The nose opens with a little yeasty funk that allows glimpses of yellow fruit. The palate immediately channels citrus. There is bright lemon, juicy and astringent at the same time and a kind of elastic, elongated freshness that seems to stretch and stretch. It's lemony, bright, juicy and totally lip-smacking. (Bone-dry) Published June 2023

2021 Binger Osterberg Riesling **92 Points**

The 2021 Riesling Binger Osterberg comes with just a touch of lit match with a lovely sense of deeper, dusty soil but otherwise closed. The palate is smooth, now allowing notions of lemon and lemon-edged greengage, beautifully tart and bright. The richer texture and deeper, cooler soil seems to pervade the wine. There is depth and coolness and beautiful, lemony length. (Bone-dry) Published June 2023

2021 Binger Rosengarten Riesling **92 Points**

The 2021 Riesling Binger Rosengarten has a savory touch, something slightly peppery and pebbly. The palate, however, has notions of petrichor, wet earth and a lovely, cool serenity that seems to have the same depth as the richer, rounder soil. Delightful astringency, citrus and that 10 g/l of residual sweetness just disappear at 8.5 g/l acidity. The lemony, vivid finish is rounded and generous and only just off-dry. (Off-dry) Published June 2023

2022 Binger Rosengarten Riesling **91 Points**

The 2022 Riesling Binger Rosengarten is from a vineyard planted in 2015 to a Nahe clone. It is a conglomerate of river pebble, quartzite and clay marl. It is made in an off-dry fashion. The nose is full of yeasty funk. Stone fruit and lemon appear underneath. The palate brims with both stone fruit and lemon. It's juicy, vivid, mouth-watering and exuberant. A lovely astringency accompanies this, reminiscent of lemon zest and pith. It's long and intensely fruity. The 10 g/l of residual sweetness boosts the fruit immensely. (Off-dry) Published June 2023

2022 Binger Scharlachberg Riesling Kabinett **91 Points**

The 2022 Riesling Binger Scharlachberg Kabinett has harvested early in a parcel in the east of the site, along with base wine for Sekt. It was whole-bunch-pressed, and the must was at a pH of 2.8 (!). The nose is vivid with stony spice, grapefruit and pepper. The palate is lightness itself, juicy, playful and incredibly animating. Despite the lightness, there is the stone depth, peppery thunder and juicy vividness that does not taste of tropical fruit but trails notions of passion fruit and mango that make you want to take another sip. Exquisite with 44.8 g/l of residual sugar against a cracking 9.4 g/l of acidity. (Medium) Published June 2023

2021 Binger Riesling Quarzit **91 Points**

The 2021 Binger Riesling Quarzit has a lovely pear and citrus notion on the nose, a little subdued for now. The palate has juiciness, flow and a light touch. It is almost lithe. Yet ther is a stony, textural lemon focus that feels like rock dust. A lovely pithy note follows on the finish that underlines both slenderness and stony texture. The serene finish gets under your skin, revealing a deep-seated fruitiness that is not on the mid-palate. (Bone-dry) Published June 2023

2022 Binger Riesling Quarzit **89-91 Points**

The 2022 Binger Riesling Quarzit was entirely harvested in the two Grosse Lagen sites of Scharlachberg and Kirchberg, both on quartzite. It was fermented in 50% stainless steel and 50% Stückfass. A lovely flinty reduction flicker leads to spicy, ripe, pink grapefruit peel notes. The palate is slender, juicy, flowing and comes with a light touch, tingling with subtle spice and pleasantly astringent citrus pith. A salty pithiness follows, showing concentration and verve. It's linear, stony and almost crystalline. (Bone-dry) Published June 2023

2022 Binger Scharlachberg Pinot Noir **90-92 Points**

The 2022 Pinot Noir Binger Scharlachberg is made from an ATVB fin selection on a south-east-facing one-hectare parcel of the Scharlachberg planted in 2020 on yellow quartzite with some grey slate and weathered quartzite that is now sandy. This maiden harvest amounted to just one 300-liter barrel. The nose is immediately vivid with mulberry and crushed forest fruit, tending more to red rather than black with exuberant freshness and a sense of graphite. The palate is juicy, has an edge of mossy savoriness, tones down its fruit and focuses on that bright acidity, shimmering with salt, iron oxide and the merest edge of licorice. A fine web of tannin, smooth but vivid, defines the mouthfeel. While the wine has a surprisingly dark hue of red, translucency is evident on the eye, nose and palate. There's not a trace of heaviness or fat. What a debut! This will be explosive once these vines stretch their roots into the stone. Very elegant with a lovely length of savory stone. (Bone-dry) Published June 2023

2022 Riesling Gutswein **88-90 Points**

The 2022 Riesling Gutswein was harvested from various parcels across the Rochusberg (the mountain that is home to Scharlachberg) and thus various soils: quartzite, clay-marl with pebbles, some loess-loam as well as sand and pebbles from former riverbeds. It was fermented spontaneously. Just an edge of flint hovers on the nose that brims with aromatic orchard fruits. Quince, yellow plum and fragrant citrus. The palate is smooth, juicy and rounded, bringing much fruit. The finish gets a zesty, slightly salty lick and lemony length. It's pretty juicy at just 4 g/l of residual sweetness and 8.8 g/l of acidity. (Bone-dry) Published June 2023

2021 Riesling Gutswein **89 Points**

The 2021 Riesling Gutswein comes from various soil types, including quartzite, loess-loam, sand and river pebbles across the Rochusberg. It opens with an earthy nose reminiscent of green peel, citrus zest and greengage plum. The palate is beautifully lithe, with a gentle phenolic web that seems to buffer the bright acidity. The finish is taut, lemony, long and zesty. (Bone-dry) Published June 2023