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**2020 Binger Scharlachberg Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese**

**Score: 18.5**

Quite unbidden, a sip of this wine brought tears to my eyes. There is a moment when you stand on the top of a mountain – a thousand meters in the sky, the earth flung beneath you, the glow of light on towering rocks – when there is this exquisite stillness. Words don't fail, they're simply not needed. There is no need to talk about greatness or smallness. There is just a sense of wonder that floods you; a silent roar of wonder. Rather than tell you about what this wine tastes like, I will tell you that it feels just like that. When you taste this wine, you stand on mountain tops. You're sipping wonder. You want to kneel. You almost want to pray. (TC) Drink 2025-2050

**2020 Binger Weißburgunder & Chardonnay trocken**

**Score: 16.5+**

Really nutty – this is cashews and blanched hazelnuts and sweet walnuts with a grating of white-green apple and the lightest touch of sweet fennel fronds and chervil herbs. Lightly spring-green grassy. Smells, tastes, like a cool morning. Earth and ferns. A meadow stream coming down from the mountains. Tiny wild flowers. An unusual blend and unusual delicacy for both these varieties. Something even alpine about the wine. I'd love to try this with a mountain cheese. (TC) Drink 2022-2027

**2020 Silvaner Réserve trocken**

**Score: 16.5**

Apples and hay. Fragrant but not trying to charm. A little spicy; almonds dipped in lemon barley water. Raw hazelnuts. Firm, citrusy bitterness. A samphire-savoury, quinine-like salt-n-citrus wine that's as bracing as a walk along a wind-swept coastline in winter. (TC) Drink 2022-2025

**2020 Chardonnay Réserve trocken**

**Score: 16.5**

White pepper, white pears and peppery florals. Tense and pretty racy, although the fruit is deep and ripe – grainy golden pears, guava, spicy apples. I can feel the oak on this more than I could on the Silvaner Réserve, but the fruit has more shoulder and shunt so it holds it well. It also has an innate wet-chalk minerality that is somehow incredibly thirst-quenching. Elegant white-pepper-spiced finish. Not remotely French, very much of its own place, but also true to the varietal. Bravo! (TC) Drink 2022-2028

**2018 Binger Spätburgunder »Mariage« trocken**

**Score: 16.5**

Spiced strawberry nose. Mille-feuille layers of strawberry-coulis sweetness and woody-mushroom savouriness. Tannins that feel and taste like mandolined tree bark. Refined and restrained. An introverted Pinot, but not without presence. This has a sure sense of place and purpose, a clarity of fruit, and an elegant, dry finish. (TC) Drink 2021-2028

**Riesling Sekt demi-sec**

**Score: 16.5**

Smells a little bit like apple-stuffed brioche. Baked-apple gentleness; lime zest, Danish pastry and a slim but firm buzz of bubbles. There is sweetness but it's very far from sweet – more sweetness of fruit than dosage. Charming. Breakfast wine! (TC) Drink 2021-2023

**2020 Orange Naked trocken**

**Score: 16**

Pale cloudy lemon color. Like white grapefruit blitzed in a blender, skin, pith, pips and all. Smoky. Bitter, citrus sours, white almonds, lemon thyme. You could make a palate-cleansing granite out of this! It makes more sense with food than without – the acidity is challenging, to say the least. But despite being challenging, it's interesting. Salty finish. (TC) Drink 2021-2022