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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Brauneberger
Juffer Riesling Kabinett**

The 2020 Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Kabinett is another premiere for Christian Hermann, who, in late 2019, rented a 0.1-hectare plot at a high altitude, a perfect plot to produce Kabinett. The nose is clear, pure and fresh yet still closed and not telling too much but indicating stony soils with the fruit in the passenger seat. Crystalline and salty-piquant on the palate, this is a tight but refined and stimulating Kabinett that needs some years to unfold its talents. 8% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 04 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Wehlener
Sonnenuhr Riesling
Kabinett**

The 2020 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett is Christian Hermann's firstling from this famous grand cru, and it's already a masterpiece. The nose is as fine and subtle as it is generous and complex, with fine, spicy/flinty slate aromas mixed with those of the clear, refined and highly elegant, yellow-fleshed fruit. On the palate, this is a dense, lush and generous but also light, fresh, piquant and nervy WSU that reveals so much vitality and finesse that one can only adore this Riesling, which is impossible to spit out after tasting it. This is so salivating that you have to drink one glass after the other (no worries: just 8% alcohol) because saliva is constantly being drawn from the mucous membranes. This lush and piquant Sonnenuhr reveals a taste of leavened dough on the finish, and it has an aging capacity of about 30-40+ years. Absolutely fascinating! 8% alcohol plus 58 grams of residual sugar. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 08 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Erdener
Trepptchen Riesling
Spätlese (AP 7)**

The 2020 Erdener Trepptchen Riesling Spätlese (AP 7) offers perfectly ripe and intense yet also subtle and refined Riesling fruit intertwined with delicate slate aromas on the nose. Round and generous but also refined and elegant on the palate, this is a somewhat creamy and textured Spätlese with lots of charm and fine, mineral acidity, stimulating salinity and some caramel notes on the finish. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 07 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Erdener
Treppchen Riesling –
GG–**

Picked from the red-slate Rothkirsch parcel at 93° Oechsle, Christian Hermann's 2020 Erdener Treppchen Riesling –GG– is currently very reductive on the nose and almost impossible to describe in more detail other than clear, pure, intense and slatey/flinty. The reduction turns to precision and a terroir-driven nose after generous aeration. Pure, vital and elegant on the palate, this is a dense, lush and persistently mineral Grosses Gewächs with fine grip on the crystalline and persistently salty finish that doesn't appear as really dramatic or at least remarkably sustainable at this early stage, but it's promising. In fact, the wine develops enormously over a day in the bottle, so a carafe is highly recommended, why not for 24 hours... One old-oak fuder was bottled in late July of this year. 12% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 24 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Erdener
Treppchen Riesling
Kabinett –6–**

Aged in traditional fuders, the 2020 Erdener Treppchen Riesling Kabinett – 6– opens with a rich and dense bouquet of ripe, elegant fruit aromas intertwined with delicate slate and typical old and sweet fuder notes. The attack on the palate is as fine as vibrantly fresh. The wine is round and generous, wonderfully textural and develops an intense and generous, mouth-filling finish carried by crystalline and well-defined acidity. The finish is complex and quite long. This is another excellent vintage for the iconic Fuder 6, even though it's pretty rich for the Kabinett style. Just ignore the Prädikat and enjoy the wine because it's delicious. 8% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 06 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Piesporter
Goldtröpfchen Riesling –
GG–**

The 2020 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling –GG– was aged in a new fuder, which causes a dense, rich and slightly oaky bouquet of ripe fruits and fine, elegant slate notes in the depth. This is not really what stereotypical drinkers expect from a Mosel Riesling, but it's serious, complex and quite exciting. On the palate, the oaky notes are present straightaway, as is the hidden sweetness of this mouth-filling round and lush, mango-scented Goldtröpfchen that reveals a fine and vivacious mineral structure that takes the wine to a long and aromatic, well-structured finish. This is definitely a wine to cellar, as it will be fabulous in 7 to 10 years. Stylistically, this is where the Mosel gets kissed by Alsace. A promising wine! 12% stated alcohol plus 11 grams per liter of residual sugar. Tasted from AP 32 21 in November 2021. To be released in spring 2022.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Ürziger
Würzgarten Riesling
Kabinett**

The 2020 Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Kabinett opens clear, bright and complex on the subtle and refined, beautifully flinty and delicately fruity nose. Salty-piquant and highly stimulating straightaway yet still far too young to show its best talents, this is a round and moderately sweet Kabinett with vivacious acidity and fine grip on the finish. It leaves needles on the palate and will need some years to reach its peak. 7.5% stated alcohol. Screw cap. Tasted from AP 16 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Kinheimer
Hubertuslay Riesling
Kabinett**

The 2020 Kinheimer Hubertuslay Riesling Kabinett is richer and more generous on the nose and also more reductive or sulfuric compared to the Goldtröpfchen sibling and will need time to open up and show its true flavors. The first attack is vibrantly fresh and piquant before the wine develops a lush texture and vegetal aromas such as leeks at this early stage. The finish is fruity, fine and salty, quite stimulating already, but the best is yet to come for those who remain patient. 8% stated alcohol. Screw cap. Tasted from AP 22 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Erdener Prälat
Riesling Auslese Alte
Reben**

Picked at 97° Oechsle, the 2020 Erdener Prälat Riesling Auslese Alte Reben offers a clear, fresh and spicy-mineral bouquet of crushed (red) slate intertwined with pure, highly refined, rather discreet fruit on the nose. Round and piquant on the palate, with a very elegant, refined yet lush character, this is another perfectly balanced and super salivating Auslese from Christian Hermann's ancient higher-altitude plot of the prestigious Prälat. The acidity is frisky, the fruit perfectly interwoven and the finish stimulating, clear and fresh but long and always delicate. Extraordinary! 7.5% stated alcohol. 600 bottles made. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 10 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Erdener
Treppchen Riesling
Kabinett Trocken**

From first-class parcels of the cru, the 2020 Erdener Treppchen Riesling Kabinett Trocken was picked at 85° Oechsle and fermented until spring of this year. It is bright, fresh and intense on the aromatic but fine and elegant nose that is pure, mineral and subtle in its fruit expression. On the palate, this is a lean and fresh mouthful of dry and grippy but also dense and juicy, persistently structured Riesling that might be too concentrated and full-bodied to meet what purists expect from Kabinett, even though the alcohol volume is at a moderate 11.5%. The finish is quite expressive, lush and salty, but it also keeps the stimulating grip. This is a Treppchen Kabinett to age for at least 5 or so years, but it will still be shining in 10 and 15 years. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 03 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Erdener Prälat
Riesling
Trockenbeerenauslese
Alte Reben (Long Gold
Capsule)**

The intensely golden colored 2020 Erdener Prälat Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese Alte Reben (Long Gold Capsule) was picked at 220° Oechsle and opens with a rich and intense, super concentrated, syrupy and tangy bouquet of dried and stewed stone fruits, pineapples, lemons and broken stones. Full-bodied, extremely rich and dense on the generous, oily-textured palate, this is a super sweet but fruity rather than sugary, highly elegant and even filigreed TBA with persistently salty and thus stimulating, remarkably fine but precise and perfectly integrated acidity. If ever you have feared the abundant sweetness of a TBA, it tastes much less sweet here, and you won't resist drinking sip after sip of this fabulous wine. This has 6% stated alcohol plus 380 grams per liter of residual sugar, which is not only 100 grams per liter less than in 2018 but it is also lifted by a total acidity of 13.4 grams per liter. Only 34 liters made, though. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 30 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Ürziger
Würzgarten Riesling
Spätlese**

Hermann's 2020 Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Spätlese is deep, pure and refined on the concentrated, flinty and tensioned nose. The attack on the palate is fresh and piquant, very pure and almost dry, but there is a fine and fruity sweetness and remarkable salty finesse on the stimulating piquant and grippy finish. This is another Riesling that needs about five to 10 years to show its best. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 17 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Erdener
Herzlei Riesling Spätlese
Alte Reben (Gold
Capsule)**

The 2020 Erdener Herzlei Riesling Spätlese Alte Reben (Gold Capsule) comes from vines up to 127 years old that are trained on single poles and planted in blue and gray slate inside the Treppchen on the border to the Prälät. Opening with a deep, intensely aromatic yet also pure, refined and flinty-mineral bouquet of crushed stones, this is a pure, intense, complex, refreshing, mineral and thoroughly salty, tensioned and excitingly sustainable Riesling from a spectacular, steep vineyard that hosts Christian Hermann's oldest vines. The finish is tight but also sensual and indicates a great, immortal Spätlese from one of the Mosel's finest vineyards. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 09 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Riesling
Troocken**

Hermann's 2020 Riesling Troocken is enormously pure, tight and fresh on the mercilessly precise and mineral nose that shows much more stony rather than fruity aromas at this very early stage. Fresh and piquant on the palate, this is a light and vibrant dry Riesling with not much intensity but grip and character. Only hard-core Riesling aficionados will go along with this intransigent style. 11.5% stated alcohol. Screw cap. Tasted from AP 18 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Erdener
Treppchen Riesling
Troockenbeerenauslese
(Long Gold Capsule)**

Picked at 205° Oechsle, the intensely golden colored and viscous 2020 Erdener Treppchen Riesling Troockenbeerenauslese (Long Gold Capsule) offers an oily, essence-like but precise and even fresh nose of very concentrated ripe and stone fruit spiced with slate plates. Intense and enormously dense, respectively oily like an Eszencia, with tea and herbal flavors on the palate, this is an extremely rich but also fine, elegant and stimulating TBA with exciting acidity that makes this taste not only sweet but hedonistic. Orange and lemon flavors as well as sage aromas populate the finish that is very delicate, piquant and oh-so-stimulating due to its salinity and great balance. A fantastic TBA with 6% stated alcohol and 330 grams of residual sugar, which is counterpointed by 14.8 grams per liter of total acidity. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 29 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Erdener
Treppchen Riesling
Auslese (Gold Capsule)**

Picked at 105° Oechsle, the 2020 Erdener Treppchen Riesling Auslese (Gold Capsule) is the negative selection of the TBA. The wine opens with very clear, precise, amazingly nuanced, pure and delicate yet also intense fruit intertwined with layers of slate and minerals. Very pure and immediately salty and salivating on the palate, with vibrantly fresh but fine acidity and perfectly ripe and refined fruit, this is a fabulous, intense, concentrated and anything but fat or generous Auslese. It is rather serious and discreet but bears a lot of energy and huge aging capacity due to its vibrant acidity, sustainable salinity, remarkable grip and finesse. A fabulous wine and one of the radiant highlights of the 2020 portfolio from Christian Hermann, who has established himself as one of the greatest sweet Riesling producers in the Mosel in recent years. 7% stated alcohol, 105 grams per liter of residual sugar (total acidity: 8.3 grams per liter). Natural cork. 2000 bottles made. Tasted from AP 13 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Ürziger
Würzgarten Riesling
Kabinett Alte Reben**

The 2020 Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Kabinett Alte Reben opens with a generous, intensely fruity but also purely mineral bouquet that intermingles tropical fruit aromas with notes of crushed red slate and volcanic rocks. Lush and refined on the palate, this is an intense, dense and elegant, firmly structured and tensioned, very persistent and salty Würzgarten from ancient, ungrafted vines. The wine reveals crystalline and precise acidity and a long and tensioned finish. After the terrific 2019, the 2020 is another stellar Kabinett from this spectacular, steep vineyard, even though it needs years to show its best. 8% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 05 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Kinheimer
Hubertuslay Riesling
Eiswein (Gold Capsule)**

Picked at 160° Oechsle on February 10, 2021, and at -11 degrees Celsius, the 2020 Kinheimer Hubertuslay Riesling Eiswein (Gold Capsule) exhibits a dark golden color and an intense nose with roasted hazelnut and walnut aromas intertwined with concentrated yellow-fleshed stone and tropical-fruit aromas. Lush and perfectly round on the palate, not really sweet but again nutty and with lovely raisin and dried apricot flavors, this is a generous and harmonious, very long and charming ice wine with hedonistic features. This should be great with tart cheese and anything with nuts. It also drinks very well as a soloist, though. This is a beautiful sweet wine with 8% stated alcohol due to a long fermentation. One-hundred-forty liters were bottled at the end of July with 200 grams per liter of residual sugar and rather moderate acidity of 7.5 grams per liter. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 28 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Ürziger
Würzgarten In der
Kranklei Riesling
Spätlese Alte Reben
(Gold Capsule)**

From 100+-year-old vines picked at 92° Oechsle, Hermann's 2020 Ürziger Würzgarten In der Kranklei Riesling Spätlese Alte Reben (Gold Capsule) opens with a deep and intense, pretty generous and tropical bouquet of ripe Riesling fruit and finely crushed red slate and herbs. On the palate, this is a mouth-filling yet pure, fresh and refined Kranklei with vibrant energy and tension. The wine develops a long, lush and stimulating, fine and salty finish and sums up as a generous but finessed and beautifully balanced picture-book Spätlese with great vitality. In early March of this year, 1,000 liters were bottled with 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 11 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Piesporter
Goldtröpfchen Riesling
Spätlese**

The 2020 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese is clear and precise on the well-defined nose that shows intense and elegant fruit with raspberry notes and those of crushed (flint) stones. Lush and piquant on the palate, this is a tight and racy Spätlese with stimulating grip on the persistent finish. A classic in the making yet years too young. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 07 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Erdener Prälat
Riesling Auslese Alte
Reben (Gold Capsule)**

Picked at 105° Oechsle, the 2020 Erdener Prälat Riesling Auslese Alte Reben (Gold Capsule) is clear and intense on the lemony and spicy/slatey nose, but it still needs time to open up, refine and shine due to a certain percentage of botrytis (10% to 15%). Round, refined and lush on the palate, with fine mineral acidity and lingering salinity, this is a generous but finessed and delicate Auslese with promising concentration, grip and tension. Still very piquant and not as fine or balanced as the Treppchen Auslese GK but very promising. 7% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 12 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Erdener
Treppchen Riesling
Auslese**

Picked at 97° to 98° Oechsle, the 2020 Erdener Treppchen Riesling Auslese opens with perfectly ripe and intensely aromatic, lush and tropical-scented fruit intertwined with crystalline Mosel slate aromas. On the palate, this is a mouth-filling and gorgeously lush but so refined and elegant Riesling with so much finesse and titillating mineral grip that forces you to drink this salivating Treppchen beauty immediately and quickly. Dangerous stuff. Calculate about one bottle per person! 7% stated alcohol. 600 liters made. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 21 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Löslicher
Försterlay Riesling –GG–**

Picked at 96° Oechsle but without any botrytis and aged in a new fuder until the bottling at the end of July 2021, the 2020 Löslicher Försterlay Riesling –GG– opens with an intense yet refined and elegant nose with ripe but delicate Riesling and kumquat aromas intertwined with finely crushed slate notes. Cheerful, piquant and firm on the palate, this is a full-bodied yet vivacious, sappy and elegant Försterlay with intense and juicy fruit and a sustainable mineral, salty finish that also reveals very fine tannins. The oak is already better integrated here and adds structure yet no further flavors. This is possibly the most impressive Grosses Gewächs from Christian Hermann this year. The 2020 is only the second vintage of this wine since the premiere of the 2018, which I, unfortunately, have never tasted. 13% alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 31 21 in November 2021. To be released in spring next year.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Ürziger
Würzgarten Riesling –
GG– Alte Reben**

From 100-year-old, ungrafted vines picked at 92° Oechsle and aged in a single fuder, Hermann's 2020 Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling –GG– Alte Reben is pure, fresh and precise on the classic, spicy but initially also very reductive nose that benefits a lot from aeration. Straight and filigreed on the palate, this is a pure, lean, finessed and tensioned but also supple Würzgarten with a fine mineral and tannic structure and a promising, persistently salty finish. This is a classic dry Riesling bottled with moderate 11.5% alcohol (12% stated). Natural cork. Tasted from AP 25 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Piesporter
Goldtröpfchen Riesling
Kabinett**

Hermann's 2020 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Kabinett is clear, precise and fresh on the delicately aromatic nose. Lush and round on the palate, with remarkably fine acidity and fine grip on the finish, this is a light but lush and charming as well as excitingly stimulating Kabinett from a vineyard that often gives richer and sweeter wines but is just fabulous as it is here. Super crystalline and salty on the finish. A wine to quaff in large amounts. Moderately sweet. 8% stated alcohol. Screw cap. Tasted from AP 15 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann "H" Riesling**

From young vines in absolutely top vineyards, such as Würzgarten, Herrenberg, Hubertuslay or Treppchen, Hermann's 2020 "H" Riesling is pure and bright on the delicately flinty nose. Lush and round on the palate, with delicate slate grip and fine salinity on the finish, this is a light and highly stimulating Mosel classic in the medium-dry to sweet style. Highly recommended for all Kabinett fans, even though the "H" isn't declared as Kabinett. 9.5% stated alcohol, 40+ grams of residual sugar. Screw cap. Tasted from AP 02 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Kinheimer
Hubertuslay Riesling
Auslese (Gold Capsule)**

Picked on January 11 of this year at minus-seven degrees Celsius with 113° Oechsle (so analytically just qualified for Eiswein but considered as "too lean"), the 2020 Kinheimer Hubertuslay Riesling Auslese (Gold Capsule) offers clear, fresh and intensely aromatic, pretty upfront but structured fruit with fine raisin and floral honey aromas intertwined with refreshing slatey/mineral notes. Round, lush and crystalline on the clear and precise but generous and textured palate, this is a generous but refined and elegant Auslese from the Hubertuslay. Piquant and with fine grip and grapefruit notes on the intensely aromatic finish, this is a picture-book botrytis Auslese with 8.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted from AP 27 21 in November 2021.

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**2020 Weingut Dr.
Hermann Erdener
Treppchen Riesling
Spätlese (AP 23)**

Hermann's 2020 Erdener Treppchen Riesling Spätlese (AP 23) is exclusively sold in the US. It is bottled later than the AP 7 and opens with an intense, precise nose and offers ripe, juicy, elegant and stimulating fruit carried by refreshing and mouth-tickling piquant acidity. Lean, juicy and fresh, this is a picture-book Spätlese from the Treppchen, yet it is currently less textured and generous compared to the European AP 7 version that is bottled under natural cork. 8.5% stated alcohol. Screw cap. Tasted from AP 23 21 in November 2021.

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