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Reviewed by Stephan Reinhardt

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2016 Weingut van Volxem Scharzhofberger P Riesling

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The 2016 Scharzhofberger P Riesling opens with a deep, pure and smoky bouquet with crunchy slate notes and very fine Riesling aromas that still play the second fiddle here. This nose indicates a great terroir wine from the most famous vineyard along the Saar. Lush and elegant but aristocratic, terribly complex and long on the palate, this is a fascinating dry Scharzhofberger from the Pergentsknopp plot. The 2016 is as fine and filigreed as it is intense and complex. The finish, however, is mind blowing, Van Volxem's 2016 Pergentsknopp is the finest dry Scharzhofberger I have ever tasted and one of the finest dry German Rieslings I have tasted from this more than excellent and digestible vintage. What great tension here. This is powerhouse of a Riesling. The combination of purity, tension and complexity is fabulous here. Tasted March 2016.

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Sweetness: Dry

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Variety: Riesling

2016 Weingut van Volxem Wiltinger Riesling

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The 2016 Wiltinger Riesling has a clear and aromatic bouquet with flinty/crunchy slate and perfectly ripe stone fruit aromas. This is gracefully cool and precise but also ripe and sensual. Concentrated, juicy and crystalline on the palate, with super ripe, sensual fruit and fine tannins, this is a refreshingly mineral and spicy-piquant Riesling from the Braunfels Einzellage. Tasted March 2018.

2016 Weingut van Volxem Altenberg Riesling Auslese

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date
95	NA	2028 - 2060
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Tasted from the 375-milliliter bottle, the 2016 Altenberg Riesling Auslese offers a clear, very fine raisin and slate aroma on the nose. Round, lush and opulent on the palate, this is a concentrated Auslese with generous, mouth-filling sweetness and salty-piquant minerality. The finish is tensioned, long, super lush and fine. Tasted March 2018.

Producer: Weingut van Volxem

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Variety: Riesling

2016 Weingut van Volxem Riesling Kabinett "Rotschiefer"

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Weingut van Volxem
91	NA	2022 - 2038	From: Germany , Mosel
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The 2016 Riesling Kabinett "Rotschiefer" shows intense, ripe and rather tropical fruit intertwined with lovely flinty slate aromas. Rich and intense but also piquant and pure, with mouth-filling fruit and stimulating salinity, this is a lush and coolish Kabinett whose moderate sweetness is well captured by the lingering minerals, grip and tension. Keep this wine for 5 to 10 years and stay prepared to be surprised. Tasted March 2018.

Sweetness: Medium Sweet

Type: Table

Variety: Riesling

2016 Weingut van Volxem Riesling Alte Reben

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Weingut van Volxem
94	NA	2025 - 2045	From: Germany
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The 2016 Riesling Alte Reben offers a clear, intense and flinty bouquet of perfectly ripe and fleshy Riesling intertwined with very fine slate aromas. Highly elegant and very mineral on the palate, this is a complex, firm, still a bit austere but promising Riesling with a pure, crunchy and very persistent finish with minty flavors. This is surely a long-distance runner and should be kept under cork for at least another 5 to 7 years. Great finesse and elegance here. The finish is extraordinarily long and fresh. A great wine from old vines cultivated in several "premier crus" along the Saar. Tasted in March 2018.

Sweetness: Dry

Type: Table

2016 Weingut van Volxem Bockstein Riesling Kabinett (Gold Capsule)

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date
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The 2016 Bockstein Riesling Kabinett (Gold Capsule) displays an intense, concentrated, beautifully ripe yet piquant bouquet. Lush and voluptuous on the palate, with exiting mineral tension and mouthwatering salinity, this is an extraordinary Kabinett from an extraordinary vineyard. The finish is tight and very mineral, revealing exciting grip. This is a long-distance runner whose sweetness is encountered by dramatic mineral tension. Absolutely gorgeous and one of the outstanding Kabinetts you can find from this vintage in the Mosel! Tasted March 2018.

Producer: Weingut van Volxem

From: Germany, Mosel

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Sweetness: Sweet

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Variety: Riesling

2016 Weingut van Volxem Weissburgunder

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Weingut van Volxem
90	NA	2022 - 2032	From: Germany , Mosel
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Fermented in 2,000-liter oak barrels and aged for six months, the 2016 Weissburgunder (AP 15 17) has a clear, pretty intense and aromatic bouquet with fine, flinty crystallinity in the background. Medium to full-bodied, lush and round on the palate, this is a fine, elegant, intensely fruity and juicy Pinot Blanc sourced in the Wiltinger Klosterberg and Wawerner Ritterpfad. It is slightly creamy and not bone dry, and it weigh in at a stunningly moderate 12% alcohol. The finish is quite long and complex, revealing serious structure and mineral expression. Fifty percent of the wine underwent malolactic fermentation.

Sweetness: Dry

Type: Table

Variety: Pinot Blanc

2016 Weingut van Volxem Scharzhofberger Riesling

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Weingut van Volxem
93+	NA	2025 - 2040	From: Germany , Mosel
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The (dry) 2016 Scharzhofberger Riesling opens with seriously concentrated and flinty fruit and crunchy slate aromas. On the palate, this is a lean, straight, elegant but complex and very mineral Scharzhofberger with remarkable purity, length and freshness. There are crunchy slate flavors and very fine tannins in the finish. This 2016 is still tight and discreet (well, it's a Scharzhofberger) but very promising. Tasted March 2018.

Sweetness: Dry

Type: Table

Variety: Riesling

2016 Weingut van Volxem Saar Riesling

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The 2016 Saar Riesling (AP #3 17) displays ripe, concentrated fruit with a deep, weathered slate aroma. It is warm and herbal rather than cool, as if it came from red, clayey slate. Lush, round and very elegant but also compact on the palate, this 12% alcohol Riesling offers a lot of intensity and mineral expression at this price point. The serious finish is fresh and aromatic and indicates excellent aging potential. I'd recommend cellaring this wine for at least another 3-5 years, since it will leave you with a sense of wonder in several years. Tasted March 2018.

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Variety: Riesling

2016 Weingut van Volxem Volz Riesling

Rating **Release Price Drink Date Producer:** Weingut van Volxem 2018 - 2040 95 NA From: Germany, Mosel Reviewed by **Issue Date** Source Color: White Stephan Reinhardt 27th Apr 2018 236, The Wine Advocate Type: Table

The 2016 Volz Riesling offers flinty, piquant fruit on the nose with ripe Riesling and crunchy slate aromas. Lush, round and very elegant on the palate, this is an already accessible but very complex and refined Riesling with a long minerally, beautifully piquant and salty finish. Impressive! Tasted March 2018.

Sweetness: Dry

Type: Table

Variety: Riesling

2016 Weingut van Volxem Bockstein Riesling Spätlese

Rating **Release Price Drink Date** Producer: Weingut van Volxem 2024 - 2050 94 NA From: Germany, Mosel Reviewed by **Issue Date** Source Color: White

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Van Volxem's 2016 Bockstein Riesling Spätlese has a pure, stony, remarkably fine and fruity bouquet with grapefruit and tropical fruit flavors. Delicate and round on the palate, with remarkably fine, crystalline texture, this is a highly elegant and weightless Spätlese with great finesse and tension in the long, pretty complex finish. It has a juicy, very stimulating aftertaste. Tasted March 2018.

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Variety: Riesling

2016 Weingut van Volxem Windvogt

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Weing
94	NA	2023 - 2036	From: Germany ,
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Fermented and aged in small barrels and 500-liter tonneaux for roughly nine months, the 2016 Windvogt offers a deep, fine and refreshingly mineral but also rich, yeasty and slightly toasty-scented bouquet that indicates a noble and elegant Pinot Blanc. Full-bodied, intense and rich but fine and crystalline on the palate, with an elegant structure and delicate acidity, this is a very promising Pinot Blanc with lingering minerals and a long, juicy finish. Lovely salinity and purity in the aftertaste. Highly promising. Tasted March 2018.

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Variety: Pinot Blanc

2016 Weingut van Volxem Goldberg Riesling

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Weingut van Vo
94	NA	2024 - 2036	From: Germany , Mosel
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The 2016 Goldberg Riesling displays an intense and perfectly ripe stone fruit bouquet along with very fine (red) slate aromas. Crystalline, fresh and pretty dry but nevertheless lush and aromatic on the palate, this is a tight yet elegant and remarkably fine Goldberg with vital acidity and purity in the piquant, mouthwatering finish. But wait! The minerals and tannins are still too astringent for many palates today, so keep the wine for 5, 10 or even 20 years —it will surely never be disappointing. It's the finest dry Goldberg I have tasted from Van Volxem so far (March 2018).

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Sweetness: Dry

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Rating	Release Price	Drink Date
93	NA	2018 - 2041
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The 2016 Ritterpfad Riesling Kabinett displays an intense and aromatic bouquet of pure, crunchy slate and ripe Riesling aromas. Lush and round on the palate, this is an elegant, intense but light and refined Kabinett from dark, well-weathered slate soils. The finish shows tension, finesse and purity as well as the lush and voluptuous soul of the Ritterpfad. This is silky textured, well balanced and with crunchy slate flavors on the finish. Delicious. Tasted March 2018.

Producer: Weingut van Volxem

From: Germany , Mosel

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Sweetness: Medium Sweet

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Variety: Riesling

2016 Weingut van Volxem Altenberg Riesling Alte Reben

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Weingut van Volxem
97	NA	2026 - 2050	From: Germany , Mosel
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From Kanzem's top vineyard (and one of the greatest and warmest in the Saar Valley), the 2016 Altenberg Riesling Alte Reben has a super ripe, almost raisiny nose with very fine slate aromas. After a few hours, the nose gets finer and finer, and the flinty/stony flavors take over. Highly elegant on the silky textured palate, this is an intense, lush and powerful but finessed Riesling with enormous length and concentration and a super pure and salty finish. This is a great Altenberg that is almost accessible, although it can age for at east two decades. Tasted March 2018.

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Variety: Riesling

2016 Weingut van Volxem Gottesfuss Riesling Alte Reben

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96	NA	2022 - 2036	From: Germany , Mosel
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The 2016 Gottesfuss Riesling Alte Reben has a lovely flinty/reductive, refined, pretty stony and initially slightly yeasty bouquet. Lush and elegant, this is a super fine but also super complex and persistent Riesling from roughly 120-years old vines. The finish is enormous, very long and complex but still

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reductive and very tight, with crunchy fresh slate flavors. The wine tastes pretty dry due to its strong minerality and grip. It's pure and rather filigreed but develops stunning volume and remarkable length. Tasted March 2018.

2015 Weingut van Volxem Windvogt

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The 2015 Windvogt is coolish, fresh and crystalline on the deep and mineral nose—fascinating! Full-bodied, slightly creamy, terribly elegant and fresh on the palate, this remains the finest and most complex Pinot Blanc I have ever tasted from the Saar. This is doubtlessly Grand Cru level—a wine with power, finesse and the piquant Saar freshness. The finish is extraordinarily long, fresh and salty. It should be exciting to follow the development of this wine over days and certainly over years. Although the 2015 already drinks beautifully, I wouldn't waste all its talents too early. Keep it for a decade, and taste one or two bottles in between. Tasted March 2018.

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Variety: Pinot Blanc

2014 Weingut van Volxem Windvogt

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Weingut van Volxem
93	NA	2020 - 2030	From: Germany , Mosel
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The 2014 Windvogt shows a clear and crystalline nose with ripe fruit as well as caramelly and oaky notes. Creamy textured, dense and intense on the palate, probably not bone dry, this is a full-bodied, quite massive but still elegant Pinot Blanc whose finish is stunningly fresh and crystalline. I'd cellar the 2014 for another two or three years but guess it can age much longer. Tasted March 2018.

Sweetness: Dry

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Variety: Pinot Blanc

2012 Weingut van Volxem Altenberg Riesling Alte Reben

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Weingut van Volxem
93	NA	2020 - 2032	From: Germany , Mosel
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Variety: Riesling

The 2012 Altenberg Riesling Alte Reben has a golden-yellow color and an intensely fruity and beautifully mineral nose. Full-bodied, dense and concentrated on the palate, this is a powerful and compactly structured Altenberg from roughly 80-year-old vines. Tight and tensioned, with rich, ripe fruit but also refreshing minerals, the 2012 reveals stunning finesse and length at the age of five. Tasted March 2018.

2011 Weingut van Volxem Scharzhofberger Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese (AP #32)

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Weingut van Volxem
100	NA	2020 - 2120	From: Germany , Mosel
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Bottled with more than 400 grams of residual sugar and 6% alcohol, the golden colored and viscous 2011 Scharzhofberger Riesling
Trockenbeerenauslese (AP #32) is incredibly intense and concentrated but still fine and elegant on the nose with perfect white and yellow peach aromas. On the palate, this is a voluptuous but beautifully elegant and refined composition of perfectly ripe fruits and flowing minerals. The finish is stunningly pure and fresh, thanks to the proud terroir of the Scharzhofberg. Roughly 150 bottles produced, though the wine is not yet in the market.

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2011 Weingut van Volxem Scharzhofberger Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese (AP #31)

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Weingut van Volxem
99	NA	2030 - 2100	From: Germany , Mosel
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The 2011 Scharzhofberger Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese (AP #31) is incredibly rich and intense on the nose, offering pure stone fruit and very fine botrytis aromas along with honey notes and the delicate slate spiciness of the Scharzhofberg. Viscous, piquant, pure and fresh on the dense and concentrated but nevertheless highly refined palate, this outstanding TBA has fascinating crystalline acidity and weightless elegance. The finish is pure and fresh but intense like a Tokaji Escenzia. There is just one reason the wine doesn't get 100 points: AP #32 is even finer, and I couldn't give 101 points.

Sweetness: Sweet

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Since most of our readers will never have the chance to taste the #32 legend (that will probably be auctioned in Trier one day), they should enjoy AP #31 as a virtually perfect TBA. Tasted March 2018.

2011 Weingut van Volxem Scharzhofberger Riesling Beerenauslese

Release Price Drink Date Rating **Producer:** Weingut van Volxem 2030 - 2080 98 NA From: Germany, Mosel **Reviewed by Issue Date** Source Color: White Stephan Reinhardt 27th Apr 2018 236, The Wine Advocate Type: Sweet

The 2011 Scharzhofberger Riesling Beerenauslese has a golden color and offers incredibly concentrated, perfectly ripe (stone) fruit still intertwined with spicy slate and delicate honey aromas. Round, sweet and intense but stunningly finessed and almost light-footed, this is a fascinatingly rich, fine and piquant BA with an intense, concentrated, stimulating salty finish. This is a great BA made for decades. Bottled with 250 grams per liter of residual sugar and 6.5% alcohol. Tasted March 2018.

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Variety: Riesling

2010 Weingut van Volxem Altenberg Riesling Auslese Alte Reben

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Weingut van Volxem
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The intensely yellow-colored 2010 Altenberg Riesling Auslese Alte Reben offers an intense, aromatic, beautifully matured and sightly caramelly bouquet with piquant, slatey Riesling as well as fine raisin and dried fruit aromas. Pretty sweet and round on the palate, this is a fruit-intense, gorgeously lush but delicate and refined Auslese with very fine slate flavors and crystalline acidity. The finish is enormously juicy and intense but fine, fresh and mineral-piquant. Aged seven years now, the 2010 is still a baby but full of salt, finesse and elegance. Tasted March 2018.

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2010 Weingut van Volxem Scharzhofberger Riesling Beerenauslese

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The golden colored 2010 Scharzhofberger Riesling Beerenauslese offers intense, elegant, beautifully matured and concentrated yet still pretty clear fruit (mirabelles and peaches) intermixed with very fine flinty slate and spicy botrytis aromas. Round, elegant and terribly lush on the silky textured palate where super fine and precise Riesling fruit is exhibited, this is a beautifully lush but balanced BA with remarkably delicate slate crystallinity and stimulating salinity. It is concentrated and intense but almost weightless due to the remarkable crystallinity and mineral acidity. It's a fabulous and stimulating BA that is difficult not to swallow. Honestly. I could drink a whole 750-milliliter bottle on my own. Tasted March 2018.