

2019 Clemens Busch Marienburg Auslese Falkenlay

The 2019 Marienburg Auslese Falkenlay is pure and spicy on the slatey nose, representing very clear, fresh and healthy fruit along with some minty notes at this early stage. On the palate, this is a very delicate and playful Auslese with finely racy acidity and a really piquant and salty finish. Very stimulating and not sticky at all. Tasted from AP 1620 in May 2020.

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2019 Weingut Clemens Busch Marienburg Felsterrasse

Bottled in mid-March, Busch's 2019 Marienburg Felsterrasse is open and refined on the very elegant, deep and aromatic bouquet that indicates perfectly ripe and lush, \ golden Riesling berries. Full-bodied, complex and silky on the palate, this is an elegant yet rich and powerful, firmly structured, crystalline and persistently salty (enormously salty!) Riesling from biblical old vines. The finish is very long and complex, with firm tannins and great aging capacity. From a mystical place, as Clemens used to say. "There is so much energy in this vineyard, where I prefer to be alone." Tasted at the domain in September 2020.

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2019 Weingut Clemens Busch Marienburg GG Falkenlay

The 2019 Marienburg GG Falkenlay is rich and intense yet fine and very elegant on the delicate and subtle nose that is reminiscent of bacon-wrapped figs and concentrated, super ripe, if not overripe Riesling berries. Full-bodied and rich on the palate, this is a powerful yet elegant and even refined Falkenlay with a quite baroque expression this year. This was bottled a day before I tasted it at the domain in September 2020.

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2019 Clemens Busch Marienburg Auslese Fahrlay

The Pündericher 2019 Marienburg Auslese Fahrlay is very intense on the clear and stony nose. The attack on the palate is really piquant and cuts through the rich, fleshy, sweet fruit. This is raisins transformed into wine, and it is very attractive in its generous and piquant character. Bottled with 7.5% alcohol. Tasted from AP 15 20 in May 2020.

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2019 Clemens Busch Marienburg Kabinett

The 2019 Marienburg Kabinett is pure, bright and fresh yet heavily reductive on the nose that displays a kind of slate perfume with white fruit aromas. Lush and piquant on the palate, this is a hedonistic Riesling with elegance, piquancy and stimulating salinity. A fabulous Riesling that tastes rather like a very digestible Spätlese, though. Good length, grip and salinity. Tasted a sample in May 2020.

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2019 Weingut Clemens Busch Riesling Vom Grauen Schiefer

Bottled the other day, the 2019 Riesling Vom Grauen Schiefer is clear and very intense on the aromatic nose that displays ripe, juicy apricot and white peach aromas. Juicy and perfectly round on the crystalline and salty palate, this is a rich, intense, very aromatic and almost Traminer-like Pündericher Riesling with a long and juicy finish. Impressively intense. The purity of the rocky terroir is perfectly covered by 3.5 grams of residual sugar that gives texture, roundness and fruit but also a long and mineral finish with grip. Applause! Tasted in September 2020.

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2019 Weingut Clemens Busch Marienburg Raffes

The 2019 Marienburg Raffes is very complex, refined and elegant on the open and intense nose that indicates perfectly ripe, dense and concentrated fruit with a fascinating flintiness of crushed rocks and salt. Round and lush on the palate, this is another full-bodied and intense yet pure and refined, enormously complex and elegant Riesling with enormous power, elegance and finesse. Highly impressive, the opulence of this terroir comes along with so much purity, finesse and balance and gives this unique umami texture in the sharp and precise world of Clemens Busch. The Raffes is not really dry but at least dry-styled and otherwise perfectly round. Tasted at the domain in September 2020.

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2019 Weingut Clemens Busch Riesling Trocken

Bottled at the end of June, the 2019 Riesling Trocken intermixes ripe and juicy Riesling fruit with a delicate slate aroma. Lush and round on the palate, this is a delicate and even salty Riesling with juicy fruit and a fine Ribera structure on the finish. It has 10.5% alcohol yet is intense and expressive—stunning. Tasted at the domain from AP 25 20 in September 2020.

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2019 Weingut Clemens Busch Marienburg GG Fahrlay

The 2019 Marienburg GG Fahrlay is perfectly ripe and concentrated on the densely aromatic nose that intertwines ripe, intense and flinty fruit with fascinating notes of crushed stones and herbs, yet everything is already marvelously interwoven and balanced as well as pure, precise and crystalline, with lemon zest notes. Full-bodied, intense and crystalline on the palate, this is a rich, concentrated, perfectly ripe and aromatic Fahrlay with a long, intense, elegant, crystalline and persistently salty finish. This would be rich and bolder if there were no old vines in blue slate. This is an impressive wine that was bottled just a few days before I tasted it in September 2020.

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2019 Weingut Clemens Busch Riesling Vom Roten Schiefer

Bottled in early September, the Pündericher 2019 Riesling Vom Roten Schiefer opens with a very elegant and aromatic bouquet of ripe stone fruits (mirabelles) that are perfectly intertwined with the crystalline and crunchy expression of red, iron-rich slate. Juicy, piquant and very salty on the palate, this is a pure and fresh yet intense, structured and crystalline Riesling with a charming finish, remarkable terroir expression and just 11.5% alcohol. Tasted at the domain in September 2020.

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2019 Clemens Busch Marienburg Auslese Goldkapsel

Displaying a radiant white-golden color, the 2019 Marienburg Auslese Goldkapsel is still reductive yet very clear, spicy and piquant on the pure, precise, fresh, lemony, slatey and floral-scented nose. The palate is also very clear and thrillingly pure and thus piquant, precise and salty on the finish. Straight as a laser beam but sensual as the sun's rays, this is a greatly finessed, persistently salty, piquant and filigreed Auslese with sweetness that is easily lifted by the mineral and racy backbone, the light body and this stimulating twist of bitterness on the finish. This Auslese is already a great drinking pleasure, yet even more so, drinking this too soon would be like wasting a huge talent. Tasted from AP 1720 in July 2020.

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2019 Clemens Busch Marienburg Trockenbeerenauslese

The golden-yellow colored 2019 Marienburg Trockenbeerenauslese opens with a remarkably open, refined and elegant bouquet with floral, fruity and slatey aromas with notes of white pepper. Viscous and highly elegant and finessed on the palate, this is a noble sweet wine whose richness is beautifully balanced by a mineral backbone that is already greatly interwoven with the texture. Even though the wine is very sweet, it is neither thick nor sticky but fresh, vital and energetic. A great and remarkably digestible TBA from Clemens and Rita Busch. Tasted from vat 1948 (AP 1948) in July 2020.

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2019 Weingut Clemens Busch Marienburg GG Rothenpfad

From 80- to 85+-year-old vines on red slate, the 2019 Marienburg GG Rothenpfad is pure, very fine and flinty on the crystalline and concentrated yet pure, complex and still reductive nose. Silky, round and very elegant on the palate, this is a full-bodied, crystalline, juicy, persistently salty and structured Rothenpfad with great elegance, intensity, warmth and balance. Impressive—and surely exceptional with fresh porcini. Tasted at the domain in September 2020.

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2019 Clemens Busch Marienburg Spätlese

The 2019 Marienburg Spätlese is coolish, clear and flinty on the precise, deep, very elegant and well-articulated nose. Round and lush on the palate, this is a charmingly round, piquant, elegant and stimulatingly salty Spätlese with great precision, finesse and grip. Gorgeous and made to age for decades. Moderately sweet, enormously piquant. Tasted as sample in May 2020.

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2019 Weingut Clemens Busch Riesling Vom Blauen Schiefer

The 2019 Riesling Vom Blauen Schiefer is pure, fine and crunchy on the aromatic yet slate-driven and elegant nose. Round and lush on the palate, this is a fine, intense and concentrated dry Riesling with a complex and powerful finish. It comes from old vines that are the source for the Fairly GG as well. Tasted in September 2020, just a day after the bottling.

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