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2018 Clemens Busch Marienburg Felsterrasse

The 2018 Marienburg Felsterrasse did not ferment to legally dry but still reached 13% alcohol. The bouquet is deep, intense and flinty yet refined and elegant, with ripe fruit aromas intermixed with delicate slate notes. Round and intense yet refined and elegant on the palate, this is a rich and powerful, almost oily-textured yet pure, vital and finessed Riesling in the dry style. The 2018 is dense, intense and long, very complex, well-balanced and vibrantly fresh for this abnormally warm and dry vintage. Slightly bitter on the aftertaste. 13% alcohol. Tasted from AP 0320 in July 2020.

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2018 Clemens Busch Marienburg GG

From 36- to 41-year-old vines on gray slate in the main part of the VDP. Grosse Lage, the Pündericher 2018 Marienburg GG is pure and stony on the deep, fine, fresh and elegant yet rather ascetic, terroir-driven nose. Pure, elegant and finessed on the piquant and salty palate, this is a finely juicy yet elegant and tensioned Riesling with grip, salt and perfectly ripe, healthy fruit. The wine is pure even in this challenging warm and dry vintage. It is neither massive nor all too powerful and, if you so will, the classic of an extraordinary year. 13% alcohol. Tasted from AP 3219 in July 2020.

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2018 Clemens Busch Marienburg Auslese Lange Goldkapsel

The radiant, citrus-colored 2018 Marienburg Auslese Lange Goldkapsel is excitingly bright, pure, floral and seriously firm on the still-reductive yet dense and complex nose with its lemon perfume and pastry notes. Piquant and fresh on the first palate, this is a lush and filigreed, precise and very elegant Auslese with a concentrated yet refined and perfectly balanced texture and a (pretty) sweet but also spicy, elegant and tensioned finish. Tasted from Fass 1950 (AP 2020) in July 2020. Adding a certain percentage of the gold capsuled Marienburg Auslese would have possibly made both wines more subtle and refined, because the sweetness and acidity would have been better balanced. I tried a raw version, and sorry to say it, this wasn't all too bad.

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2018 Clemens Busch Riesling Vom Roten Schiefer

The 2018 Riesling Vom Roten Schiefer offers a wide yet intense, refined and spicy-mineral bouquet with an almost Alsatian generosity, complexity and elegance. Juicy and intense on the refreshingly pure and crystalline palate, this is an already-accessible dry Riesling from the Pündericher Marienburg's parcels on iron-rich reddish slate soils. It is very refined and elegant but fresh and with remarkable finesse. Excellent and with a persistent finish. Tasted from AP 3119 in July 2020.

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2018 Weingut Clemens Busch Marienburg Fahrlay Reserve

The 2018 Marienburg Fahrlay Reserve is deep, intense and precise on the concentrated and aromatic nose that indicates perfectly ripe and elegant fruit. On the palate, this is a rich and elegant, very salty, piquant and tonic Fahrlay with fine tannin grip (12-15 hours of maceration) and still some astringency on the finish. Needs time. Tasted at the domain in September 2020.

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2018 Clemens Busch Marienburg GG Rothenpfad

The golden-yellow colored 2018 Marienburg GG Rothenpfad is pure, fresh and complex yet delicate on the elegant and subtle nose where perfectly ripe and healthy Riesling aromas intermix with herbal and stony notes. Silky, vital and nervously mineral on the palate, this is a rich and intense yet finessed and tensioned, not fully dry but juicy and warming Riesling with generosity, finesse and stimulating salinity on the crystalline and persistently aromatics finish. An impressive dry Riesling, it's already digestible yet can be cellared for at least 12 years. 13% alcohol. Tasted from AP 3319 in July 2020.

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2018 Clemens Busch Marienburg Spätlese

The 2018 Marienburg Spätlese is clear and bright on the nose, offering ripe and elegant fruit. Light, lush and piquant on the palate, this is a stimulating, not all too sweet yet perfectly balanced and salty Spätlese. It doesn't need to be cellared for decades—it already drinks very well. Tasted from AP 1419 in July 2020.

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2018 Clemens Busch Marienburg GG Falkenlay

The 2018 Marienburg GG Falkenlay is pure, fresh and mineral on the (flint-) stony and only discreetly fruity nose that is more for Riesling nerds rather than beginners. Round and juicy on the palate, this is a lush, very intense and sustainable Falkenlay with remarkable purity, finesse and tension. The finish is tight, complex, very long and stimulating. Extraordinarily good. 13.5% alcohol. Tasted from AP 3719 in July 2020.

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2018 Clemens Busch Marienburg GG Fahrlay

The Pündericher 2018 Marienburg GG Fahrlay is the selection from 75+-year-old vines on blue slate that surround the Terrassen selection. The nose is pure, fresh and intense yet also very fine and complex, with perfectly ripe fruit and herbal and crunchy slate aromas. Lush and buoyant on the palate, this is a full-bodied, very elegant, refined and balanced yet intense, persistently fruity and slightly sweetish dry Riesling with fine acidity and a long, intense, slightly bitter yet tight and tensioned finish. 13.5% alcohol. Tasted from AP 3619 in July 2020.

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2018 Clemens Busch Marienburg Beerenauslese Fahrlay

The 2018 Marienburg Beerenauslese Fahrlay (from vat 1887) offers a clear, refined and intense bouquet of perfectly ripe stone fruits intertwined with an elegant, very delicate slate aroma. Playful and filigreed on the palate, this is a beautifully refined and noble BA with a crystalline, sustainable structure and lingering, almost mouthwatering salinity. A fabulous and stimulating sweet wine from the Fahrlay plot. Tasted from AP 24 19 in July 2020.

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2018 Clemens Busch Marienburg Spätlese Goldkapsel

The intense gold-yellow colored Pündericher Riesling 2018 Marienburg Spätlese Goldkapsel opens with an intensely aromatic yet fine and elegant bouquet of tropical fruit aromas intertwined with herbs and crushed stones. Mouthfillingly round, intense and juicy on the palate, this is a stimulatingly piquant, fresh and salty Spätlese with a sensual texture and fine, refreshing and mineral finish. A fabulous and stimulating Goldcap, this is richer and more complex than the regular Spätlese. 7.5% alcohol. Tasted from AP 16 19 in July 2020.

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2018 Clemens Busch Marienburg Auslese Fahrlay

The 2018 Marienburg Auslese Fahrlay offers a clear, intense, concentrated, fresh and spicy-mineral bouquet with delicate slatey notes intermixed with lemon chutney and marjoram aromas. On the palate, this is a vital, fresh, elegant, salty-piquant and refreshingly mineral Fahrlay Auslese whose sweetness is well-buffered by the racy piquancy of crushed slate. Highly stimulating on the finish. 7.5% alcohol. Tasted from AP 1919 in July 2020.

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2018 Clemens Busch Marienburg Beerenauslese Falkenlay

The 2018 Marienburg Beerenauslese Falkenlay (from vat 1888) is intense yet also fine and fresh on the lemon-scented, floral, slatey and complex nose. Sweet, intense and lush on the refined and seamless palate, this is a playful, elegant and fruity BA with a stimulatingly mineral background. The wine is not as buoyant as the Fahrlay BA that gives a sweeter, richer but still remarkably finessed sensation. Tasted from AP 2319 in July 2020.

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2018 Clemens Busch Riesling Vom Grauen Schiefer

Busch's 2018 Riesling Vom Grauen Schiefer is the purest and most stony-flavored of the trio wines from red-blue-gray slate soils. The Riesling from gray slate is almost unwelcoming in its ascetic, stony, crunchy, lemony and yeasty purity, which might be challenging for beginners looking for fruit but is surely exciting for true Riesling freaks. The nose is definitely complex and develops with air, becoming finer and slightly more fruity. It's definitely a wine for nerds, though. The palate is very elegant and refined, revealing a full-bodied palate with rich, intense and concentrated yet also juicy fruit and remarkable complexity on the sustainable and mineral finish. 12.5% alcohol. Tasted from AP 3019 in July 2020.

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2018 Clemens Busch Riesling Vom Blauen Schiefer

Busch's Pündericher 2018 Riesling Vom Blauen Schiefer offers a pure, precise and slatey bouquet with herbal notes of crushed stones, while the tropical fruit aromas form a perfume rather than illustrating this dry Riesling from the Marieburg's blue slate soils. The wine is creamy on the palate, with a slightly bitter finish, and it doesn't have as much finesse and mineral freshness as its counterpart from red slate soils. The acidity is fine and leads to a long and persistently mineral finish with crunchy slate "tannins." The richness of the wine (13% alcohol is a lot for this style) covers the subtleness, which is also palatable but not the leitmotif of this 2018, but it might gain finesse with bottle age. Tasted from AP 4019 in July 2020.

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2018 Clemens Busch Marienburg GG Fahrlay Terrassen

The 2018 Marienburg GG Fahrlay Terrassen is super clear, complex and intense on the slatey, very elegant nose that displays a deep, refined and mineral bouquet of perfectly ripe and flinty Riesling berries with herbal and stony notes. Crystalline, finessed and elegant on the palate, this is a rich yet pure, refreshingly mineral and also juicy Fahrlay from vines that are 100+ years old. 13.5% alcohol. Tasted from AP 3819 in July 2020.

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2018 Clemens Busch Marienburg Trockenbeerenauslese Goldkapsel

The 2018 Marienburg Trockenbeerenauslese Goldkapsel is very clear and precise on the concentrated, fresh, aromatic, lemon-scented and stony nose. Sweet, lush and piquant on the palate, with refined and stimulating acidity and a frisky character, this is a remarkably finessed and elegant TBA whose sweetness is well-balanced by the piquant salinity on the finish. Tasted from vat 1891 in July 2020.

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2018 Clemens Busch Marienburg Trockenbeerenauslese

Busch's golden-yellow colored 2018 Marienburg Trockenbeerenauslese is generously rich yet fine on the precise and elegant nose that displays tropical fruit aromas with lemon rind and bitter orange notes. Round and smooth on the dense and viscous palate, structure by delicate, crystalline and salty acidity, this is a stimulating, highly finessed and perfectly balanced TBA that drinks stunningly fast despite its delicate richness and sweetness. Swallowing is a pure reflex here, and this is something very rare in this category. 6% alcohol. Tasted from vat 1890 in July 2020.

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2018 Clemens Busch Marienburg Auslese Gold Capsule

The 2018 Marienburg Auslese Gold Capsule is intense, pure and fresh on the concentrated yet bright and spicy/stony nose. Enormously lush and refined on the palate, this is a sweet yet fresh and piquant, very digestible and highly stimulating Auslese with honey notes on the finish. The sweetness is well-balanced by the crystalline and salty-piquant finish with its grapefruit and candied lemon notes. A damned delicious Auslese that combines the fruits from different terroirs and colors of slate. 7.5% alcohol. Tasted from AP 2119 in July 2020.

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