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"The Independent Review of Mosel Riesling"

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2008 Auction Report - October 2008

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The aim of Mosel Fine Wines is to give a comprehensive and inside view on Riesling wines produced in the Mosel, Saar and Ruwer regions as seen by two wine lovers.

We feel that the combination of steep slaty slopes and cool climate in the hands of gifted winemakers can create the most wonderful wines with a unique play between fruit and acidity at comparatively low levels of alcohol. In addition, these wines can age for decades while retaining stunning freshness.

We want to contribute to making Mosel Riesling better known and understood by providing an annual vintage report (including the annual auctions held in Trier), suggesting a great Riesling as wine of the month and sharing our experience of Mosel Riesling at different stages of maturing.

To this effect, we will regularly publish a newsletter providing an update on Mosel wines.

All wines reviewed in Mosel Fine Wines are exclusively tasted by us (at the Estates, trade shows or private tastings) under our sole responsibility.

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The 2008 Auction: "When freshness meets ripeness"

The annual auction in Trier was celebrating this year its 100th birthday and it was quite a show. The 2007 vintage growing season had offered the opportunity for long ripening with a great October that maintained high acidity levels. It was to produce many outstanding Spätlese and Auslese bottlings and it was therefore not surprising that this is also the case for the Auction bottlings.

Overall, the quality level was very high with few wines not meriting eventually an outstanding score. What was striking was how undeveloped many of the wines showed at the auction. In particular, the Prüm wines showed a more traditional stink that they haven't shown since 2001. However, the precision of flavors and balance on the palate makes one only guess at how great these wines will turn out to be in the future.

As usual, the top Estates produced some stunning wines. Egon Müller made some great Scharzhofberger Auslese bottlings and so did the other usual suspects: Joh. Jos. Prüm, Fritz Haag, Willi Schaefer, etc. Hanno Zilliken outdid himself and produced some great wines including a stunning white capsule Auslese bottling. This wine was so in balance and at ease with itself. Also Sofia Thanisch brought a great Auslese that was intense and yet playful on the palate.

Prices did thankfully not reach the records of previous vintages and some bargains (all is relative of course ...) could be made. In particular, Zilliken's Auslese and Thanisch's version were attractively priced. In its price league, the Egon Müller Scharzhofberger Auslese was relatively "cheap" when compared to the regular bottlings.

Picks of the Auction

1997er	Egon Müller	Scharzhofberger Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese		<i>Auction</i>	97
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Detailed Tasting Notes

The tasting notes are structured by Estates for easing the access to the information. Please note that this is not the order of tasting at the auction (see the site of the Grosser Ring for the order of [auctioning](#)).

Weingut Clemens Busch

2007er	Clemens Busch	Pündericher Marienburg Riesling Auslese lange GK	20 08	Auction	90
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This is quite a powerhouse that offers loads of fruit flavors, good intensity on the mid-palate and a slightly too sweetish finish. The wine is nice but lacks finesse at this stage of development. It remains an impressive even if not the most refined drink. Now-2015 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €85 (37.5cl) - €135 (75cl)

Weingut Joh. Jos. Christoffel Erben

2007er	Joh. Jos. Christoffel Erben	Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Auslese **** GK	12 08	Auction	93
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This is quite refined on the nose with great flavors of fresh peaches and minerals. The wine is well balanced on the palate with good citrusy flavors kicking in. This is remarkably fresh and animating and a great success for the vintage. Now-2020+ (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €60 (37.5cl)

Weingut Le Gallais

2007er	Le Gallais	Wiltinger braune Kupp Riesling Auslese GK	13 08	Auction	95
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This shows a beautiful nose of apricot flower with some notes of sappy apples and white peaches. The wine is beautifully balanced on the palate with well integrated acidity and great length. It is developing very nicely over an hour in the glass. The wine is more restrained and elegant than in previous years as it plays on white fruit complexity. This is great stuff in the making. 2012-2027 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €60 (37.5cl) - €105 (75cl) - €260 (150cl)

Weingut Forstmeister Goltz-Zilliken

2007er	Goltz - Zilliken	Saarburger Rausch Riesling Spätlese	05 08	Auction	92
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This was incredibly fresh and sappy with the typical herbal note playing on the nose in between layers of white peaches and citrus. The wine is comparatively light and refreshing on the palate and the finish is long and well balanced. This is a textbook *feine Spätlese* from older days. 2012-2027 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €25.50 (75cl)

2007er	Goltz - Zilliken	Saarburger Rausch Riesling Auslese	04 08	Auction	95
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This was one of the great wines on show that day and a comparative bargain. The wine has a great balance on the nose with superbly integrated flavors of ripe white peaches, apples and just a hint of green herbs. The feeling of balance continues on the palate with nicely integrated acidity and great length. This is a great, great Auslese and a masterpiece in its category. Now-2025 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €35.50 (75cl)

2007er	Goltz - Zilliken	Saarburger Rausch Riesling Auslese GK	02 08	Auction	93+
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This comes over as super refined and precise in flavor with great notes of lime and peaches on the palate. The acidity is however very high and this might not be to everyone's taste. It is a wine that will probably require considerable aging before showing its true potential. 2015-2035 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €41 (37.5cl) - €65 (75cl) - €160 (150cl)



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2007er	Geltz - Zilliken	Saarburger Rausch Riesling Auslese lange GK	01 08	Auction	93+
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This shows a slightly golden color and is clearly marked by botrytis flavors. The wine is thick on the palate but remains light thanks to a zesty acidity. The different elements (flavors, acidity and sweetness) are still very much dissociated, which means that this wine will also require extensive aging. 2015-2040+ (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €90 (37.5cl) - €155 (75cl)

2007er	Geltz - Zilliken	Saarburger Rausch Riesling Trockenbeereauslese	01 04	Auction	95
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This was harvested at 230° Oechsle and has nearly 300g residual sugar. Despite the hot vintage, the wine remains well balanced thanks to 11.5 g/l acidity (mostly tartaric). The flavors on the nose are great with peaches, figs, spices and the acidity keeps everything nicely in check. This should evolve handsomely. Now-2030 (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €430 (37.5cl) - €800 (75cl)

Weingut Grans-Fassian

2007er	Grans-Fassian	Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Auslese lange GK	19 08	Auction	91
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This is very good with nice flavors of fruit, good balance on the palate and great length. The flavors are very pure and only subtly marked by botrytis. It is a very nice easy-drinking piece of winemaking. Now-2020 (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €60 (37.5cl) - €205 (150cl)

Weingut Fritz Haag – Dusemonder Hof

2007er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese	14 08	Auction	93+
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This is a great wine with stunning elegance and finesse. The nose offers just the most subtle combination of flowers, minerals and white citrusy fruit. There is an overall sense of lightness and yet intensity to the wine that is simply hard to resist. This is a great Spätlese and one of the stars of the Auction. Now-2020+ (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €36 (75cl) - €100 (150cl) - €530 (300cl)

2007er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese GK	13 08	Auction	93
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This is nicely made with good flavors of fruit on the nose intermingled with some citrus and a touch of orange peel. The wine is still quite reduced but is impeccably balanced on the palate. There is quite some residual sugar that gives the wine at the moment a slightly cloying side: this needs to integrate and therefore patience is required. 2015-2030+ (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €45 (37.5cl) - €90 (75cl)

2007er	Fritz Haag	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese lange GK	15 08	Auction	96
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This is quite open and it bursts with great flavors of fruit and minerals. The wine is thick on the palate and yet retains an incredible lightness. The finish is intense and incredibly long. This is a great show and my preferred lange Goldkapsel from this Estate since the stunning 2002. It is one of the great stars of the auction. Now-2030+ (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €90 (37.5cl) - €185 (75cl)

Weingut Willi Haag

2007er	Willi Haag	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese GK	17 08	Auction	88
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This is quite reduced and does not offer much flavors on the nose. It is very thick on the palate, which gives the wine an unnecessary weighty side to it. The finish is not very long but satisfying. While not a great wine, it should be quite ok to go with fruit-based desserts. Now-2020 (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €30 (37.5cl)



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Weingut Reinhold Haart

1994er	Reinhold Haart	Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Auslese	10 95	Auction	92
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This wine was already auctioned in 1995 where it achieved DM60 (around Eur30), which was quite a steep price at the time. Well time has proven the buyers right. This has evolved into a very elegant wine with great flavors of fruit on the nose, good acidity on the palate and excellent balance. The whole thing comes over as precise playful with an excellently long and smooth finish. This is very easy to drink and another proof of the incredible success of the Haart Estate in the 1994 vintage. Now-2015+ (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €69 (75cl)

Weingut Heymann-Löwenstein

2007er	Heymann-Löwenstein	Uhlen R Riesling Auslese lange GK	08 08	Auction	95
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This opens with great flavors of pure granny smith apples, some great notes of lime and white peaches. The wine is incredibly well balanced on the palate and extremely long. It is a great success for the vintage. Now-2040+ (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €70 (37.5cl)

Weingut von Hövel

2007er	von Hövel	Scharzhofberger Riesling Auslese *	11 08	Auction	92
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Harvested at nearly 110° Oechsle with a very high proportion of botrytis affected grapes, this is much more powerful and intense the regular Scharzhofberger Auslese * in that vintage. The wine shines through a great smoky nose with white peaches and just a hint of citrus. It is extremely racy and sappy on the palate and the finish is just a touch too rough for true greatness. But it is a great piece of drinking that is simply impossible to resist. Now-2025+ (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €39 (75cl)

2007er	von Hövel	Oberemeler Hütte Riesling Auslese ** lange GK	15 08	Auction	94
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Despite being harvested with over 130° Oechsle, this shows great finesse on the nose with excellent acidity on the palate and great flavors of fresh white fruits. The wine is not a powerhouse but rather one that lives on the flavor intensity and the freshness. It is a textbook Goldkapsel Auslese and a great one. Now-2025+ (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €55 (37.5cl)

2005er	von Hövel	Oberemeler Hütte Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese	12 07	Auction	94
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This is super-oily and already quite golden in color. The wine is mightily impressive with great acidity, weight and loads of residual sugar in the finish. It lacks some playfulness for being great but it is an outstanding effort for 2005 that will repay handsomely cellaring. 2015-2050 (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €480 (37.5cl)

Weingut Karthäuserhof

2007er	Karthäuserhof	Eitelsbacher Karthäuserhofberg Riesling Spätlese Nr. 49		Auction	91
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This is extremely nice and floral on the nose with just a hint of lemon and white peaches. The wine is quite zesty on the palate and finishes with a good note of freshness. After a less convincing auction bottling in 2006, this is a sappy wine with the telltale hallmarks of the Ruwer. Now-2020+ (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €24 (75cl)

2007er	Karthäuserhof	Eitelsbacher Karthäuserhofberg Riesling Auslese lange GK Nr. 37		Auction	92
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This is rather austere on the nose but offers good balance on the palate. The wine is quite heavily marked by subtle notes of botrytis intermingled with fresh slightly overripe flavors of peaches and citrus. It is a very impressive show but the wine lacks some flavor precision on the mid-palate for true greatness. It is nevertheless quite a nice beast to enjoy over the coming years. Now-2020+ (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €75 (37.5cl) - €135 (75cl)



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Weingut von Kesselstatt

2007er	von Kesselstatt	Josephshöfer Riesling Auslese Nr. 3	Auction	91
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This is remarkably elegant and fresh on the nose with still some strong notes of reduction. The wine is very present on the palate with a slightly sweetish finish. It is well made and very enjoyable but lacks the playful side for being truly great. Now-2020+ (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €32 (37.5cl) - €60 (75cl)

Weingut Schloss Lieser

2007er	Schloss Lieser	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese	14 08	Auction	92
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This is very refined with great flavors of apples, a touch of pears and some nice slate smokiness. The wine has great well-integrated acidity on the palate. The wine is still remarkably un-developed and this may explain a slight lack of flavor precision on the mid-palate. This is however clearly a great wine in the making. Now-2020 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €29 (75cl) - €91 (150cl)

2007er	Schloss Lieser	Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese	15 08	Auction	92+
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This is still quite reduced but beautifully balanced with great length. It opens up with nice floral aromas before going on a more exotic side. The wine shines through its flavor precision and intensity. The finish is just a touch cloying and gives it the (unnecessary) weight of a BA. This could improve significantly if it manages to lose some of that weight with age. Prices were very bizarre on this wine as the half-bottle was nearly the same price as the full one. Now-2030 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €110 (37.5cl) - €125 (75cl)

Weingut Dr. Loosen – St. Johannishof

2007er	Dr. Loosen	Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Spätlese GK	59 08	Auction	88?
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This is nice on the nose with attractive flavors of spices and white peaches. It comes over as rather muted on the palate and offers a disturbingly short finish. This is very surprising. Now-2015+ (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €35 (75cl)

2007er	Dr. Loosen	Erdener Prälat Riesling Auslese lange GK	60 08	Auction	92
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As in previous vintages, this is again a wine with huge power and density. The wine has strikingly high acidity, slightly confused flavors of exotic fruits and herbs but a good long finish. Lovers of this "no prisoner taken" style will be happy as Ernie delivered again the goods. For our part, the wine is really over-powering even if very impressive. Now-2020 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €185 (37.5cl) - €350 (75cl)

Weingut Milz-Laurentiushof

1998er	Milz-Laurentiushof	Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Auslese GK	09 99	Auction	92
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Unlike its colleagues, the Milz-Laurentiushof Estate decided to auction a more mature bottling instead of one from the 2007 vintage. Despite all the young wines tasted before, this holds up to its own. It is very sappy with great flavors of ripe peaches, good presence on the mid-palate and nice length. The wine is delicious to drink now and this may explain why it is so expensive at the auction. Now-2015+ (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €60 (50cl)

1998er	Milz-Laurentiushof	Trittenheimer Leiterchen Riesling Beerenauslese	14 07	Auction	91
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This is still very undeveloped and offers strange flavors of alcohol, acidity and some fruit on the nose. It is better balanced on the palate but lacks the flavor precision for greatness. Now-2020 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €180 (37.5cl) - €360 (75cl)



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Weingut Egon Müller zu Scharzhof

2007er	Egon Müller	Scharzhofberger Riesling Spätlese	10 08	Auction	93+
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This is still incredibly closed and does only hint at its potential. The nose is marked by nice somewhat diffused flavors of green apples, some smoke and some subtle hints of fresh herbs. There is fortunately a great feeling of balance on the palate with good juicy acidity and subtle fruitiness. This will require quite some aging to show its true potential. 2015-2030 (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €65 (75cl)

2007er	Egon Müller	Scharzhofberger Riesling Auslese	12 08	Auction	95+
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This is extremely nice yet also quite undeveloped and reduced. The wine shows flavors of apples, a touch of lime and some smoke. It turns out to be extremely well balanced on the palate with quite marked acidity and great sweetness. The finish is long and slightly creamy (without being cloying). This is a little master piece in the making but patience is required. 2015-2030+ (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €130 (75cl)

2007er	Egon Müller	Scharzhofberger Riesling Auslese GK	14 08	Auction	95
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This is quite creamy and thick on the palate with good flavors of ripe apples and peaches. It is also still very much reduced and closed but is impeccably balanced on the palate, where it explodes with concentrated layers of citrus and exotic fruit. This should turn into a smashing Goldkapsel wine in a few years. 2015-2050 (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €240 (37.5cl) - €370 (75cl) - €920 (150cl)

1997er	Egon Müller	Scharzhofberger Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese		Auction	97
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This is superbly balanced with great flavors of lime, mango, some smoke and stunning length. The wine manages to avoid the simple apricot flavors of so many TBA bottlings and just offers layers upon layers of complex sappy fruit. This is a great bottle of wine. Now-2070 (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €1800 (37.5cl) - €3650 (75cl)

Weingut von Othegraven

2007er	von Othegraven	Kanzem Altenberg Riesling Spätlese	06 08	Auction	90
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After bottlings in previous vintages that were rather on the high side of alcohol levels, this version of the Altenberg is comparably low in alcohol (with only 7% alcohol) and is as usual made from a vineyard selection of berries. The wine is well balanced but rather austere on the nose with subtle flavors of apples and white peaches. However, it lacks the playful and sappy side of great Mosel Riesling on the palate. The wine comes over as quite zesty at first but then turns to be rather open and broad on the mid-palate. The finish is salty with a slight touch of bitterness. 2010-2020+ (Sep 08).

Hammer Price: €24 (75cl)

Weingut Joh. Jos. Prüm

2007er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese	25 08	Auction	94
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This is very reduced and stinky and brings back memories of old-fashioned Prüm bottlings. While this put off many people at the auction, the wine looks to develop into a great beauty as the mid-palate offered great intensity and balance. This sense of flavor precision and lightness is key and makes us confident that this will develop into a real stunning beauty. But time will be required. 2015-2030+ (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €51 (75cl)

2007er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese	26 08	Auction	95
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This is superbly elegant and a step up from the Auction Spätlese (even if it is still as stinky as the Spätlese). While the Spätlese is playful, this wine presents more mid-palate and a smooth refined finish. Patience will be needed. 2015-2040 (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €49 (37.5cl) - €100 (75cl)



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2007er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese GK	25 08	Auction	93+
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This is also terribly reduced and stinky and quite thick on the palate, which gives the wine a slightly tired feel in terms of aromatics. However, the feeling of balance on the palate is remarkable and the acidity is well integrated so this should develop quite well. 2017-2047+ (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €95 (37.5cl) - €195 (75cl)

2007er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese lange GK	28 08	Auction	94+
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This is tight and not very open for business but it shows great inner core and precision on the palate. The wine comes over as extremely refined and elegant but shows with air a somewhat over-ripe and slightly diffused profile of flavors (yellow plums, peaches) that keeps our rating somewhat down. However, this could develop into a magnificent bottle. 2015-2060 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €195 (37.5cl) - €400 (75cl)

1994er	Joh. Jos. Prüm	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Beerenauslese	27 04	Auction	95
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This combines great flavors of maturing botrytis Riesling with still quite some stink on the nose. The wine is nice and elegant but is somehow still too young. Despite this, the nose shows some evolution but the acidity is impeccably balanced with great finesse. While incredibly good, it lacks at this stage of its evolution "a little something" for being really a great example of a Prüm Beerenauslese. Now-2020+ (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €410 (37.5cl) - €900 (75cl)

Weingut S.A. Prüm

2007er	S.A. Prüm	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese	08 08	Auction	89
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This is quite open and offers a very appealing albeit simple fruit-basket type of flavors. The wine is well balanced on the palate but lacks a touch of playfulness on the tongue. It is a solid effort that should age well. Now-2020 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €60 (150cl)

2007er	S.A. Prüm	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Auslese Fass 36		Auction	90
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This is quite zesty on the nose with good flavor precision mixing yellow fruit with some herbs. The wine is rather creamy on the palate, which gives it unnecessary weight. Still, it is well made and comparatively balanced in the finish. Now-2020+ (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €30 (37.5cl) - €60 (75cl)

2006er	S.A. Prüm	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Beerenauslese Fass 24		Auction	93
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This is marked by strong flavors of yellow fruit and marzipan. The wine is rather powerful on the palate but well balanced. The finish is solid but lacked some precision. It is however a nice effort that is difficult to resist. Now-2050 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €380 (37.5cl)

2006er	S.A. Prüm	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese Fass 50		Auction	91?
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This is marked by somewhat tired flavors of cooked apples and shows a touch of caramel. The wine is thick on the palate and remarkably persistent on the palate but it lacks precision and liveliness for greatness. Now-2100 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €700 (37.5cl)

Weingut Schloss Saarstein

2007er	Schloss Saarstein	Serriger Schloss Saarsteiner Riesling Auslese GK	11 08	Auction	89+
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Made from nearly only clean grapes in a drastic vineyard selection, this wine is the only Auslese made at the Estate this year. It was rather light on the palate with a slight green touch to it and has the intensity more of a Spätlese than that of an Auslese GK. This is made in an old-fashioned style but the wine really lacks intensity and concentration for greatness. Still, it should be drinking very well over its life time and could easily improve in rating. Now-2020 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €28 (37.5cl) - €50 (75cl)



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Weingut Willi Schaefer

2007er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spätlese	18 08	Auction	92
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This is extremely reduced but shows great promise. The wine is very refined with good length and great presence of flavors on the palate including elegant notes of citrusy botrytis. The impression of power dominates the wine for the moment and does therefore not show a great step upwards vs. the regular Spätlese -5-. It remains an impressive beast that could develop beautifully well if it manages to shed this slight feeling of "weight" over time. 2012-2025 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €50 (75cl)

2007er	Willi Schaefer	Graacher Domprobst Riesling Auslese GK	15 08	Auction	93+
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This is still quite closed and reduced but shows nice and sappy acidity on the palate. The wine is nicely balanced and very long. There are hints of lime, peaches and even a touch of apricot lurking down there but this is another wine that will require extensive aging. 2015-2030 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €75 (37.5cl) - €150 (75cl)

Weingut Studert-Prüm

2007er	Studert-Prüm	Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese	15 08	Auction	90
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This is easy and simple on the nose with good straightforward flavors of white peachy fruit. The wine lacks some intensity on the mid-palate and the finish is somewhat short when compared to other wines on show that day. Still, on its own, this should offer a lot of pleasure in its rather old fashioned style. Now-2020 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €32 (75cl)

Weingut Wwe Dr. H. Thanisch – Erben Thanisch

2007er	Wwe Dr. H. Thanisch - Erben Thanisch	Berncasteler Doctor Riesling Auslese	11 08	Auction	94+
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This is made from selected fruit in the central part of the Doktor vineyard and harvested at 110° Oechsle. It is extremely well made with good zesty flavors of sappy peaches and great length. The wine is balanced, rich and yet superbly defined. It manages the incredible challenge to combine intensity and playfulness. Given the tendency of Doctor wines to require time to firm up, this could even improve over time. It is one of the great successes of the auction and a relative bargain. Now-2030 (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €33 (37.5cl) - €53 (75cl)

Weingut St. Urbans-Hof

2007er	St. Urbans-Hof	Leiwener Laurentiuslay Riesling Spätlese	20 08	Auction	90
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This is nicely balanced and open for business with good flavors of sappy peaches and smoky slates. The only proviso is the slight touch of heat on the mid-palate (this has a comparatively high level of alcohol with 8.5%) that is lurking through and that could spoil the party in the future. This is probably best enjoyed in its youth on the fruit rather than tempting the devil god of alcohol heat. Now-2010+ (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €30 (75cl)

Weingut Van Volxem

2007er	Van Volxem	Wawerner Goldberg Riesling Auslese	36 08	Auction	93
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Harvested at nearly 170° Oechsle, this is surprisingly light and precise on its feet for a wine well into BA sugar levels. It comes over as quite floral and elegant yet at the same time there is some strong intensity on the mid-palate. This is a great debut Auction showing for Roman, which fetched surprisingly high prices. Now-2025+ (Sep 08)
Hammer Price: €57 (37.5cl) - €94 (75cl)



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Weingut Wegeler

2007er	Wegeler	Bernkasteler Doktor Riesling Spätlese GK	Auction	89
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The nose offers attractive flavors of white peaches and some herbs. However, the wine is very thick and somewhat oily on the palate, which would have been something to be expected from a lange Goldkapsel Auslese bottling. The acidity is zesty but this is not really a Spätlese. Now-2020+ (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €35 (75cl)

Weingut Dr. F. Weins-Prüm

2007er	Dr. F. Weins-Prüm	Erdener Prälat Riesling Auslese	16 08	Auction	91
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This is made in the typical lighter style that Bert Selbach enjoys and it has a difficult time to show its potential in the middle of all the powerhouses. Still, this is a nicely balanced wine that lacks for the moment some flavor precision on the nose but offers a sappy fresh finish. It is a true deliciously light Auslese that should develop very well over the coming years. Now-2020+ (Sep 08)

Hammer Price: €12 (37.5cl) - €23 (75cl)