

# VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

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## **Weingut Max Ferdinand Richter**

2018 “Zeppelin” QbA

Mosel, Germany

### **Score: 90 Points**

The Zeppelin label bottling of QbA from Max Ferdinand Richter is very, very good in 2018. This is made from a fifty-fifty blend of estate grown and purchased fruit, with most of the cuvée raised in fuders, but a small percentage in stainless steel. This had already been bottled (and was indeed already in the US market a few weeks after my return from Germany) and was showing very well, delivering a fine bouquet of apple, pear, bee pollen, salty soil tones, spring flowers and a bit of wild yeasts. On the palate the wine is fullish, pure and nicely filigreed, with fine focus and grip, a long, bouncy finish and fine nascent complexity. This shows beautiful acidity for a 2018ers (8.2 grams this year), to go along with around thirty-five grams of residual sugar and alcohol at ten percent. A very, very well made Estate Riesling bottling and an exceptional value.

