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Max Ferd. Richter Riesling Erdener Treppchen Spätlese 2015 Mosel, Germany

92 Points

From the rocky original Busslay ("Penitent's Slate," whose name was then coopted in 1971 for wines largely from sites across the river), this projects juicy lemon and tangerine with blazing brightness and cress with invigorating incisiveness. Firm in feel and stony in undertone, it finishes with rapier penetration and exhilarating as well as refreshing persistence. Tasters looking for further complexity have almost certainly only to wait. Meantime, this wine's energy, clarity and focus compel eager assent to the next sip. (DS)

