

# Mosel Fine Wines

*"The Independent Review of Mosel Riesling"*

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**2017 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese**

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## **94 points**

The 2017er Wehlener Sonnenuhr Spätlese was made from fruit harvested at 93° Oechsle on very old un-grafted vines (thought to have been planted in 1890). It immediately shows quite the exotic ripeness of a fine Auslese on the nose as scents of apricot, mango, honeyed orange and spices emerge from the glass. The wine is superbly juicy even if still on the sweet side on the palate. Thankfully, a tickly and juicy acidity whips up the flavors and brings great balance to the very long and focused finish. This quite marvelous expression of a light “drinking Auslese” only needs a decade to fully blossom and develop its full complexity.

