

VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

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Weingut Max Ferdinand Richter

2018 Riesling “Classic”

Mosel, Germany

Score: 89 Points

The 2018 Riesling “Classic” had been bottled just before Prowein. The wine carries ten grams per liter of residual sugar and comes in at twelve percent alcohol in this vintage. It is made mostly from side valley fruit, though Constantin was quick to point out that all of the vines that go into this bottling are a minimum of forty years of age. The wine was showing very nicely at the end of March, offering up a refined bouquet of quince, apple, a lovely base of slate, dried flowers and just a hint of wild yeasts in the upper register. On the palate the wine is fullish, crisp and very nicely balanced, with a good core of fruit, lovely slate undertow and very fine length and grip on the zesty finish. This is a very high quality wine for an entry level bottling.

