

VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

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Weingut Max Ferdinand Richter

2018 Max Ferdinand Richter Estate Riesling
Mosel, Germany

Score: 90 Points

The Estate Riesling this year is not a Trocken, as it settled into a fine point of balance with still twenty grams of residual sugar. The wine is made from a selection of younger vines in the estate's top grand cru vineyards and is very elegant in profile in 2018, offering up 10.5 percent alcohol; it had been bottled just ahead of Prowein. The wine was still showing a touch timidly on the nose after its mise, but with a bit of coaxing showed elements of pear, slate, wild yeasts and a lovely topnote of white flowers. On the palate the wine was much more on form, displaying a medium-full format, bright, zesty acids, fine focus and grip and lovely backend mineral drive on the long, balanced and classy finish. This is going to be a fine value and it is too bad it was bottled under screwcap, as it would have aged very long and gracefully.

