VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

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Number Seventy-Five

Weingut Max Ferdinand Richter

2017 Veldenzer Elisenberger Riesling Kabinett Mosel, Germany

Score: 91 Points

The village of Veldenz lies just a bit back from the river front, behind the villages of Brauneberg and Mülheim. Consequently, the base of soil in the Elisenberger vineyard is quartzite, rather than grey slate. This is a monopole of the Richter family and the vines here are forty to fifty years of age. The vineyard has produced a lovely Kabinett in 2017, offering up a complex aromatic constellation of apple, white cherries, a touch of herb tones, bee pollen and a lovely base of salty minerality. On the palate the wine is medium-full, crisp and flat out delicious out of the blocks, with lovely intensity of flavor, impressive focus and grip and a long, complex and zesty finish. This is a tad more fruit-driven in personality than the Wehlener Sonnenuhr Kabinett, but it too is a lovely example of Kabinett.

