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Max Ferd. Richter

2016 Riesling Graacher Domprobst Kabinett feinherb

Mosel, Germany

90 Points

This bottling from 30-year-old vines in the original core Domprobst is enticingly scented with apple, grapefruit and honeysuckle. The buoyant palate is intriguingly waxy in texture and brims with bright primary juiciness. A long finish is focused, refreshing, and transparent to stony and perfumed details, its sense of sweetness subtle and supportive. This is a model of balance, and if both Richter's analytically dry and overtly sweet Kabinetts weren't so delicious and intriguing, one might be tempted to say about this feinherb "this is how Kabinett should taste." (And not a few German growers seem convinced that low-alcohol Kabinett has to fit a single stylistic corridor and range of residual sugar, otherwise "the consumer will be confused"... or some classificatory fetish will remain unsatisfied.) (DS)

