

Max Ferd. Richter 2018 Riesling Classic Mosel, Germany

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Score 90+ points

From 40- to 50-year-old vines in good yet less-famous vineyards, the 2018 Riesling Classic offers a spectacularly intense and fruity but refined and salty nose. "My grandfather would have cried had he seen that we bottled a wine like this, without vineyard designation and not as Auslese trocken," says Constantin Richter. The wine is ripe, round and dense on the palate, beautifully lush and quite persistent, with a salty-crunchy grip and, again, remarkable intensity. It's still reductive, but this will be a gorgeous wine in a couple of weeks. Bottled in early March 2019 and tasted two weeks later. The wine has stimulating grip and mineral freshness, and its sweetness of ten grams is well hidden and nothing but fruit. **(SR)**

