

# Germany's Top 50 Wines

Wines of Germany unveils  
50 winning wines for 2014

**B**ased on the incredible quality, value and diversity of styles in the line-up, there is a very exciting future for these modern, new wave German wines" says Joe Wadsack, who chaired the wine selection panel.

Wadsack was joined by Anne Krebiehl, Roger Jones, Matt Walls and Oliver McSwiney, who following a rigorous blind tasting held in April selected the Top 50 German Wines. The wines entered into the competition were very impressive, representing the key wine producing regions as well as highlighting the exciting range of quality styles and varietals now being produced by the new generation of German winemakers.

The Top 50 line up showcases wines which over deliver on value, quality and flavour at all price points. 35 of the Top 50 wines are currently imported to the UK and the other 15 are seeking representation.

*Anne Krebiehl  
on when The Top  
50 is announced  
"everyone will be  
in for a treat"*



*"Fascinating  
tasting, I was  
especially  
wowed with  
the value"*  
**Roger  
Jones**

The Judges from left to right:  
**Joe Wadsack, Matt Walls,  
Oliver McSwiney, Anne  
Krebiehl and Roger Jones.**

## WHITE WINES £5-8



**Kendermanns Special Edition  
Riesling 2013**  
Pfalz  
[www.reh-kendermann.de](http://www.reh-kendermann.de)  
**Importer:** Kendermann  
Great value. Zingy and fresh.  
Clean and linear with hints of  
apple and pear.  
**RRP:** £7.49



**Peter & Peter Riesling aus der  
Steillage 2013**  
Mosel  
[www.zgm.de](http://www.zgm.de)  
**Importer:** ZGM  
So refreshing, it is like the first few  
strokes in a cool swimming pool.  
**RRP:** £7.49



**Devil's Rock Riesling 2013**  
Pfalz  
[www.binderer.com](http://www.binderer.com)  
**Importer:** PLB  
Vivid, concentrated and focused  
with real Riesling definition.  
**RRP:** £6.99



**Riffel Riesling trocken 2013**  
Rheinhessen  
[www.weingut-riffel.de](http://www.weingut-riffel.de)  
**Importer:** The Winery  
Concentrated with nice ripeness  
and minerality.  
**RRP:** £13.99

## WHITE WINES £8-15



**Naegele Riesling trocken Fass Nr.  
98 2013**  
Pfalz  
[www.naegele-wein.de](http://www.naegele-wein.de)  
**Importer:** Direct Wines Ltd  
Prosaic rather than poetic with  
lovely texture and spice.  
**RRP:** £10.99



**Leitz Eins Zwei Dry Riesling 2013**  
Rheingau  
[www.leitz-wein.de](http://www.leitz-wein.de)  
**Importer:** ABS Wine Agencies  
Clean, fresh, focused and with  
personality.  
**RRP:** £13.49-14.49



**WG Niersteiner Von Reben  
Riesling 2013**  
Rheinhessen  
[www.laithwaites.co.uk](http://www.laithwaites.co.uk)  
**Importer:** Direct Wines  
Elegant, with lovely, lingering fruit.  
**RRP:** £9.99



**Peter-Jakob Kühn Jacobus  
Riesling trocken 2012**  
Rheingau  
[www.thewineryuk.com](http://www.thewineryuk.com)  
**Importer:** The Winery  
Some super development, great  
weight and concentration.  
**RRP:** £14.99



**Schloss Johannisberg GH von  
Mumm Riesling Trocken 2012**  
Rheingau  
[www.schloss-johannisberg.de](http://www.schloss-johannisberg.de)  
**Importer:** Copestick Murray  
Dry, fragrant and textural with  
great minerality.  
**RRP:** £9-11



**Walter Riesling Trocken 2012**  
Mosel  
[www.thewineryuk.com](http://www.thewineryuk.com)  
**Importer:** The Winery  
Clean, modern, lively and vibrant  
with great fruit and balance.  
**RRP:** £9.99



**Domdechant Werner'sches  
Hochheimer Riesling Classic  
2012**  
Rheingau  
[www.domdechantwerner.com](http://www.domdechantwerner.com)  
**Importer:** Direct Wines  
Classic, full and aromatic with  
honey and lemon tones.  
**RRP:** £12.99



**Wittmann Fass 68 Dry Riesling  
2012**  
Rheinhessen  
[www.weingutwittmann.de](http://www.weingutwittmann.de)  
**Importer:** Avey's  
Fresh and zesty with clean fruit  
and good length.  
**RRP:** £13.99



**Prinz Riesling trocken 2012**  
Rheingau  
[www.thewineryuk.com](http://www.thewineryuk.com)  
**Importer:** The Winery  
Youthful and rich with hint of spice  
and zingy finish.  
**RRP:** £13.99



**Winzer von Erbach Riesling  
Kabinett trocken 2011**  
Rheingau  
[www.winzer-von-erbach.de](http://www.winzer-von-erbach.de)  
**Importer:** Wein Forum  
Wonderful nose. Dry, but ripe,  
luscious, terrific fruit with a hint of  
clementine.  
**RRP:** £12.00



**Bischöfliche Weingüter Trier  
DOM Riesling feinherb 2012**  
Mosel  
[www.bischoeflicheweinguetertrier.de](http://www.bischoeflicheweinguetertrier.de)  
**Importer:** Boutinot  
Off dry with luscious fruit and nice  
minerality. Beautifully balanced.  
**RRP:** £11-12



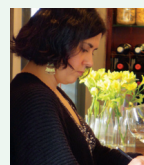
**Fritz Willi Riesling 2012**  
Mosel  
[www.friedrichwilhelmgymnasium.de](http://www.friedrichwilhelmgymnasium.de)  
**Importer:** Boutinot  
Utterly delicious. Off dry, with  
hints of peach and nectarine.  
**RRP:** £11-12



## THE PANEL



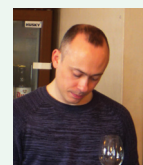
**Joe Wadsack** is a leading authority in wine having worked in all sectors of the wine trade – buying, educating, writing, presenting and judging. As an enthusiastic ambassador for German Riesling, Joe is also one of Wines of Germany's Riesling Revivalists.



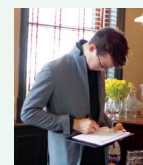
**Anne Krebiehl** is a wine educator, MW student, writer, expert in German wines and also a passionate Riesling Revivalist.



**Roger Jones** owns the Michelin starred restaurant The Harrow at Little Bedwyn, is a wine writer and judges in a number of wine competitions.



**Matt Walls**, author of the book 'Drink Me', is a contributor to a number of wine publications, competition judge and makes up the trio of Riesling Revivalists.



**Oliver McSwiney** is Group Sommelier at Investhor Ltd. His work at Kensington Wine Rooms won them top restaurant in Wines of Germany's 31 Days of Riesling promotion 2012.

## WINES OF GERMANY

[www.winesofgermany.co.uk](http://www.winesofgermany.co.uk)



**Balthasar Ress Hattenheimer Schützenhaus Riesling Kabinett 2012**  
Rheingau  
[www.balthasar-ress.de](http://www.balthasar-ress.de)  
**Importer:** Berkmann  
Off dry, balanced, with nice weight and raciness.  
RRP: £14.99

### WHITE WINES £15+



**Schloss Neuweier Goldenes Loch Grosses Gewächs 2012**  
Baden  
[www.thewineryuk.com](http://www.thewineryuk.com)  
**Importer:** The Winery  
Fabulous. Modern, dry and vibrant with great definition of flavour.  
RRP: £36.99



**Prinz von Hessen Estate Riesling Dachsfilet 2012**  
Rheingau  
[www.prinz-von-hessen.de](http://www.prinz-von-hessen.de)  
**Importer:** Bibendum  
Gorgeous. Dry, super fresh with delicate peach and lemon flavours.  
RRP: £18.99



**Studert-Prüm Bernkasteler Graben Riesling Kabinett trocken 2012**  
Mosel  
[www.thewineryuk.com](http://www.thewineryuk.com)  
**Importer:** The Winery  
Elegant, dry and stylish with lovely minerality.  
RRP: £16.99



**Kloster Eberbach Wiesbadener Neroberg 'Crescentia' Riesling trocken 2012**  
Rheingau  
[www.kloster-eberbach.de](http://www.kloster-eberbach.de)  
**Importer:** Boutinot  
Lovely precision with gentle, soft fruit along with honey and beeswax.  
RRP: £15-16



**Flick Hölle Riesling trocken 2012**  
Rheingau  
[www.flick-wein.de](http://www.flick-wein.de)  
**Importer:** The Winery  
Gorgeous nose of jasmine and satsuma. Fresh, weighty and complex.  
RRP: £18.99



**Müller-Catoir Haardter Bürgergarten Riesling Spätlese VDP Erste Lage 2012**  
Pfalz  
[www.mueller-catoir.de](http://www.mueller-catoir.de)  
**Importer:** Wine Networks  
Phenomenal. Rich, rounded with amazing honey, lemon and butterscotch tones.  
RRP: £70



**Burg Ravensburg Husarenkappe Riesling 2011**  
Baden  
[www.burg-ravensburg.de](http://www.burg-ravensburg.de)  
**Importer:** Weinhaus  
Fantastic concentration and dusty minerals. Rich and voluptuous with a silky texture.  
RRP: £24.50

### RED WINES



**Villa Wolf Pinot Noir 2012**  
Pfalz  
[www.jlwwolf.com](http://www.jlwwolf.com)  
**Importer:** ABS Wine Agencies  
Ripe fruit, cherries and strawberries with a touch of earthiness. Great value.  
RRP: £10.49 - £11.49



**Becker-Landgraf Gau-Odernheimer Spätburgunder 2012**  
Rheinhessen  
[www.weingut-beckerlandgraf.de](http://www.weingut-beckerlandgraf.de)  
**Importer:** The Winery  
Savoury nose with truffles. Ripe fruit and lovely intensity.  
RRP: £17.99



**Stodden Herrenberg Spätburgunder Grosses Gewächs 2011**  
Ahr  
[www.stodden.de](http://www.stodden.de)  
**Importer:** ABS Wine Agencies  
Fresh and herbaceous. Delicious cherry flavours with a hint of raspberry and a sprinkling of pepper.  
RRP: £38.49 - £41



**Johann Maximilian Pinot Noir 2011**  
Rheingau  
[www.virginwines.com](http://www.virginwines.com)  
**Importer:** Virgin Wines  
Delicate, floral, precise. Poetic.  
RRP: £15.99



**Thörle Hölle Spätburgunder 2011**  
Rheinhessen  
[www.thoerle-wein.de](http://www.thoerle-wein.de)  
**Importer:** Carte Blanche Wines  
Good, soft perfumed nose. Long and fruit filled with a hint of spice.  
RRP: £35



**Nelles Ruber Spätburgunder 2011**  
Ahr  
[www.weinhaus-nelles.de](http://www.weinhaus-nelles.de)  
**Importer:** The Winery  
Enticing spice and rose petals on the nose. Complex with some savoury characters and a beautiful texture.  
RRP: £18.99



**Heitlinger Königsbecher Spätburgunder 2009**  
Baden  
[www.weingut-heitlinger.de](http://www.weingut-heitlinger.de)  
**Importer:** Weinhaus  
Self-confident. Rich with a lovely texture with hints of red cherry, soft rhubarb and truffle.  
RRP: £24.50



**Kaiserstühler Winzerverein Oberrotweil Blauer Spätburgunder 2009**  
Baden  
[www.winzerverein-oberrotweil.de](http://www.winzerverein-oberrotweil.de)  
**Importer:** Weinhaus  
Dark, rich and complex with plump, juicy fruit and savoury characters.  
RRP: £22.50

### SWEET WINES



**Freiherr von und zu Franckenstein Traminer Spätlese 2012**  
Baden  
[www.weingut-von-franckenstein.de](http://www.weingut-von-franckenstein.de)  
**Importer:** Weinhaus  
Off dry style which is pure and balanced with tones of rose and peach.  
RRP: £15.99



**Schloss Schönborn Erbacher Marcobrunn Riesling Kabinett 2011**  
Rheingau  
[www.schoenborn.de](http://www.schoenborn.de)  
**Importer:** Corney and Barrow  
Medium sweet, clean, precise and elegant with hints of pear and honey and a refreshing finish.  
RRP: £14.95



**Dönnhoff Riesling Oberhauser Brücke Spätlese 2012**  
Nahe  
[www.doennhoff.de](http://www.doennhoff.de)  
**Importer:** ABS Wine Agencies  
Classic, sweet, rich with limes and honey and an amazing refreshing finish.  
RRP: £22.00

### SEEKING REPRESENTATION



**Werther Windisch Silvaner 2012**  
Rheinhessen  
[www.werther-windisch.de](http://www.werther-windisch.de)  
[info@werther-windisch.de](mailto:info@werther-windisch.de)  
Wonderful expression of Silvaner. Succulent, zesty, slender and poised.



**Bergdolt-Reif und Nett Weissburgunder 2012**  
Pfalz  
[www.weingut-brn.de](http://www.weingut-brn.de)  
[info@weingut-brn.de](mailto:info@weingut-brn.de)  
A benchmark of its type. It shows what Pinot Bianco can do. Intense and rich with some maturity.



**K. & K. Dautermann Grauer Burgunder 2013**  
Rheinhessen  
[www.dautermannwein.de](http://www.dautermannwein.de)  
[info@dautermannwein.de](mailto:info@dautermannwein.de)  
Great focus and balance with delicious pear characteristics.



**Deep Roots Riesling 2013**  
Rheinhessen  
[joachim.binz@wineconsale.com](mailto:joachim.binz@wineconsale.com)  
Rich, complex with some chalky characters and a hint of tropical fruit.



**Stefan Meyer Riesling 2013**  
Pfalz  
[www.meyer-rhodt.de](http://www.meyer-rhodt.de)  
[weingut@meyer-rhodt.de](mailto:weingut@meyer-rhodt.de)  
For acid fans, this is a hard core winner. A rugby player rather than an ice skater.



**Landgraf Riesling 2012**  
Rheinhessen  
[www.weingut-landgraf.de](http://www.weingut-landgraf.de)  
[info@weingut-landgraf.de](mailto:info@weingut-landgraf.de)  
Phenomenal. A real delight, rich and ripe, this dry wine has a fantastic texture. Organic.



**Cisterzienser Weingut Michel Riesling Eminenz 2012**  
Rheinhessen  
[www.cisterzienser-weingut.de](http://www.cisterzienser-weingut.de)  
[info@cisterzienser-weingut.de](mailto:info@cisterzienser-weingut.de)  
Great weight and concentration. Apples, lemon and some minerality.



**Philipp Bassler Riesling trocken 2012**  
Pfalz  
[wg-weinbiet.de](http://wg-weinbiet.de)  
[stachel@wg-weinbiet.de](mailto:stachel@wg-weinbiet.de)  
Savoury, dense, dry and serious. This is James Bond in Riesling form. Rich without being fat.



**August Ziegler Riesling Spätlese 2012**  
Pfalz  
[www.august-ziegler.de](http://www.august-ziegler.de)  
[info@august-ziegler.de](mailto:info@august-ziegler.de)  
Off dry, juicy and luscious with some wonderful development of flavour.



**Groebe Riesling Alte Reben 2012**  
Rheinhessen  
[www.weingut-k-f-groebe.de](http://www.weingut-k-f-groebe.de)  
[joachim.binz@wineconsale.com](mailto:joachim.binz@wineconsale.com)  
Luscious, with wonderful mandarin and bergamot characters. A blend of orange and green citrus fruits.



**Schumann-Nägler Riesling 2013**  
Rheingau  
[schumann-naegler.de](http://schumann-naegler.de)  
[schumann-naegler@t-online.de](mailto:schumann-naegler@t-online.de)  
A powerful wine with aniseed aromas and candied peel on the palate and an amazing long and balanced finish.



**Durbacher Spätburgunder 2011**  
Baden  
[johanneshimmelsbach@durbacher.de](mailto:johanneshimmelsbach@durbacher.de)  
[www.durbacher.de](http://www.durbacher.de)  
Delicious, youthful and crunchy fruit. Fresh and bright.



**Peter Kriechel Spätburgunder 2011**  
Ahr  
[www.weingut-kriechel.de](http://www.weingut-kriechel.de)  
[info@weingut-kriechel.de](mailto:info@weingut-kriechel.de)  
Alive with delicious fruit. Sexiness on legs.



**Martin Waßmer Spätburgunder 2011**  
Baden  
[www.weingut-wassmer.de](http://www.weingut-wassmer.de)  
[wassmer-krozingen@t-online.de](mailto:wassmer-krozingen@t-online.de)  
Elegant, honest with good fruit and multi-dimensional.



**Braunewell Selection Spätburgunder 2011**  
Rheinhessen  
[www.weingut-braunewell.de](http://www.weingut-braunewell.de)  
[stefan@weingut-braunewell.de](mailto:stefan@weingut-braunewell.de)  
Soft with lovely cherries and brambles which linger on the finish. Ripe tannins add complexity.