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Press release

VINUM presents the 12th edition of 'Riesling Champion' and its winners
Weingut Ferdinand Abel is the 'Riesling Champion 2023' – and the Riesling of the Year also hails from Rheingau

However, top Rieslings can be made in virtually every wine region, as the VINUM 'Riesling Champion 2023' competition has impressively shown.

This was a surprise – and yet somehow not. Weingut Ferdinand Abel from Oestrich-Winkel has successfully entered numerous VINUM competitions in previous years, but this year's win still comes as a surprise to the Rheingau family company. Their 'Oestricher Lenchen Riesling trocken Grosses Gewächs RGG 2021' claimed the top spot in the premium class of dry single-vineyard Rieslings, whilst winemaker Reiner Abel took second place among the 'Gutswein' Rieslings. He therefore claimed the title despite strong competition. This means that the winner's crown once again remains in the Rheingau wine region, highlighting its prominent role in the world of German wine.

Thirty wine specialists (journalists, winemakers, merchants) spent three days sat at the tasting table along with the VINUM editorial team. 1,300 wines were tasted across seven categories, with both the preliminary rounds and the final tasted blind. At the end of the marathon, it was clear that Weingut Abel in Rheingau had achieved the best performance across three categories. It was closely followed by Bürgerspital from Würzburg, demonstrating that top-quality Rieslings are also well at home on the Main.

Nahe, Pfalz, Mosel, Rheinhessen and Rheingau are the winning areas

The winners of the seven categories were spread across nearly every German wine area, with the Riesling strongholds ultimately winning out. With Weingut Neef-Emmich (Rheinhessen, best 'Gutswein' Riesling), Weingut In den Zehn Morgen (Nahe, best 'Ortswein' Riesling), Weingut Erben von Beulwitz (Mosel, best 'Halbtrocken'/'Feinherb' Riesling) and Winzergenossenschaft Kallstadt (Pfalz, best Spätlese), the individual winners are still spread across five wine regions. 'German Riesling is much more than just the country's top grape variety, it also showcases the excellence of German winemaking. And in almost every terroir in the country', was the summary given by competition director Harald Scholl, Editor in Chief of VINUM Germany.

Large public tasting of all winners on 8 July in Heilbronn

The VINUM Riesling Champion 2023 and all of the winners will be celebrated at an awards ceremony in Heilbronn on 8 July 2023. This will be followed in the afternoon by a large public tasting with the winners and a selection of the award-winning wines. More information and tickets for the tasting and evening event are available at <http://www.rieslingchampion.de>

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Media information

All of the results have now been finalised. The top results will be presented in the VINUM edition 09/2023, and all finalist wines and a ranking will be published on the website.

Downloads

- » [All winning wines at a glance](#)
- » [VINUM logo](#)
- » [Riesling Champion logo](#)
- » [Bottle pictures of the winning wines for download](#)

About VINUM – the magazine for wine culture

VINUM, a leading European special magazine for wine, was first published in 1980 and reaches around 308,000 readers in Switzerland, Germany, Austria and France via its three country-specific issues. For decades, VINUM has been demonstrating how to distil the essence from the fascinating consumer item that is wine. As well as magazines, VINUM's numerous themed and regional specials, online platforms, apps, books, social networks, awards ('Grand Prix du Vin Suisse', 'Deutscher Rotweinpreis' and more) and events have made it a major international media brand. More information: www.vinum.eu/ueber-uns

The 2023 winners

OVERALL WINNERS

Riesling Champion

Weingut Ferdinand Abel
Oestrich-Winkel (Rheingau)

Riesling of the Year

2021 Oestricher Lenchen Riesling trocken
Grosses Gewächs RGG
Weingut Ferdinand Abel, Oestrich-Winkel
(Rheingau)

DRY RIESLING

1st place

2022 Riesling trocken Gutswein
Weingut Neef-Emmich, Bermersheim bei Worms
(Rheinhausen)

2nd place

2022 Riesling trocken Gutswein S
Weingut Ferdinand Abel, Oestrich-Winkel
(Rheingau)

3rd place

2021 Riesling trocken Herzog C
Weingärtner Cleebronn-Güglingen, Cleebronn
(Württemberg)

DRY RIESLING 'ORTSWEIN'

1st place

2021 Kreuznacher Riesling trocken
Weingut In den Zehn Morgen, Bretzenheim
(Nahe)

2nd place

2021 Neu-Bamberger Riesling trocken
Weingut Steitz, Stein-Bockenheim (Rheinhausen)

3rd place

2022 Binger Riesling trocken Ortswein
Weingut Hemmes, Bingen (Rheinhausen)

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DRY SINGLE-VINEYARD RIESLING

1st place	2021 Oestricher Lenchen Riesling trocken Grosses Gewächs RGG Weingut Ferdinand Abel, Oestrich-Winkel (Rheingau)
2nd place	2021 Fellbacher Lämmeler Riesling trocken VDP. Grosses Gewächs Weingut Aldinger, Fellbach (Württemberg)
3rd place	2021 Niersteiner Hipping Riesling trocken Alte Reben Weingut Georg Gustav Huff, Nierstein-Schwabsburg, (Rheinhausen)

OFF-DRY RIESLING ('HALBTROCKEN' & 'FEINHERB')

1st place	2022 Kaseler Nies'chen Riesling Kabinett feinherb Alte Reben № 10 Weingut Erben von Beulwitz, Mertesdorf (Mosel)
2nd place	2017 Bockenheimer Vogelsang Riesling feinherb Alte Reben Weingut Lauermann & Weyer, Bockenheim an der Weinstraße (Pfalz)
3rd place	2022 Riesling feinherb VV Weingut van Volxem, Wiltingen (Mosel)

'KABINETT' RIESLING

1st place	2022 Riesling Kabinett Weingut David Muth, Hochstadt (Pfalz)
2nd place	2022 Serriger Württemberg Riesling Kabinett feinherb GOLDSTÜCK Weingut Württemberg KG, Serrig (Mosel)
3rd place	2022 Riesling Kabinett Weingut Braunewell, Essenheim (Rheinhausen)

'SPÄTLESE' RIESLING

1st place	2021 Kallstadter Kobnert Riesling Spätlese restsüss Winzergenossenschaft Kallstadt eG, Kallstadt (Pfalz)
2nd place	2021 Hattenheim Wisselbrunnen Riesling Spätlese restsüss Weingut Egert, Hattenheim (Rheingau)
3rd place	2013 Leiwener Laurentiuslay Riesling Spätlese Weingut Nikolaus Köwerich, Leiwener (Mosel)

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SWEET RIESLING

1st place

**2021 Monzinger Halenberg Riesling
Eiswein restsüss**
Weingut Schauß, Monzingen (Nahe)

2nd place

**2015 Würzburger Stein Riesling
Trockenbeerenauslese VDP.Erste Lage**
Weingut Bürgerspital zum Heiligen Geist,
Würzburg (Franken)

3rd place

2021 Leiwener Klostergarten Riesling Eiswein
Weingut Alfons Stoffel, Leiwien (Mosel)

SPECIAL AWARDS

‘Light as a Feather’ special award

2022 Riesling trocken Sandstein
Weingut Alexander Gysler, Alzey-Weinheim
(Rheinhessen)

‘Best Buy’ special award

Sub-category 1: up to €10 (inclusive)

**2021 Kallstadter Kobnert Riesling
Spätlese restsüss**
Winzergenossenschaft Kallstadt eG,
Kallstadt (Pfalz)
7.20 euros

Sub-category 2: €10.01 to €15 (inclusive)

**2022 Kaseler Nies'chen Riesling Kabinett
feinherb Alte Reben № 10**
Weingut Erben von Beulwitz, Mertesdorf (Mosel)
14.50 euros

Sub-category 3: €15.01 to €20 (inclusive)

**2021 Oestricher Lenchen Riesling trocken
Grosses Gewächs RGG**
Weingut Ferdinand Abel, Oestrich-Winkel
(Rheingau)
17.50 euros

Sub-category 4: from €20.01

**2021 Fellbacher Lämmeler Riesling trocken
VDP. Grosses Gewächs**
Weingut Aldinger, Fellbach (Württemberg)
32 euros

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