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Weingut Wittmann 2020 & Weingut Clusserath 2019 En Primeur Offer

The 2020 Vintage - Weingut Wittmann
Ideal conditions for the Vines

2020 is the 3rd solar year in a row after 2018 and 2019. Again Wittmann harvested grapes as beautiful as "from a picture book". This is owing to the excellent conditions during the entirety of the growing season. The year started with a good water supply with high levels of precipitation in February and March, and the water reserves were able to fill up.

The persistently good weather in April over the last couple of years has caused the vines to sprout early, followed by early flowering also.

A wonderful Summer followed suit with lots of sun but moderate temperatures. The 30 ° C mark was rarely reached. Wittmann were also lucky with the rain in Westhofen - the precipitation always came at the right time and it didn't develop into storms. The grapes began to ripen at the beginning of August. A lot of sunlight and warmth promoted their development & cool nights preserved their elegance.

Wittmann consciously let the leaves grow in the vineyards in order to protect the ripening grapes from too much sun. Drought approached, however, owing to their techniques and growth balance/deep roots in the vineyard they were set to survive such phases.

The harvest started on September 7th. The first half of the harvest was characterised by Summer temperatures and the quick harvest of the Burgundy grapes. With the balance right between ripeness and mineral freshness, there was no reason for them to hesitate. The Riesling harvest continued on September 20th. Within 18 days they were able to harvest perfectly healthy grapes in all of their sites.

After fermentation with the vineyard's own yeast, the young wines were stored in their vaulted cellar. They were kept on the lees and given the time they needed to develop into elegant wines with characterisitcs of their origin.

First tastings of the new vintage show that it combines the best of the 2019 and 2018 vintages. On the one hand a fine aroma and on the other hand a straightforward, puristic minerality. The wines were consistently presented in a very balanced manner and with a lot of tension on the palate.

Weingut Wittmann 2020

Wittmann Weisser Burgunder Trocken 2020

91 Robert Parker Points

12.5% ABV

This was bottled at the end of February 2021. Coming from a chalky soil, Philipp looks for creaminess and not tropical fruits in this wine. There is a great lemon acidity, great minerality, yoghurt and a touch of ripe fruits (peach & pear) with some floral notes.
Tasted in March 2021 by Samuel Bisson - Director O.W.Loeb
Drinking Window 2021-2026

£54 per case of 6 Bottles In Bond

NEW Wittmann Natural Silvaner & Riesling Trocken 2020

ABV 12%

This is a new wine to Weingut Wittmann and so we will let them introduce it below.

The estate's biodynamic approach forbids the use of any synthetic or chemical pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer or protective agents. Only naturally produced biodynamic preparations are allowed in either the vineyards or the cellar. In almost all cases, our wines are hand harvested in the vineyards and produced using traditional vinification methods in the old vaulted cellars of the original Wittman estate. We have uncompromising faith in this approach, the same one that secured the international reputation of Rhine wines over 100 years ago. Yet every rule has an exception, and for us it comes in the form of an orange or natural wine.

Intensive care in the vineyard all year round, low yields and consistent selection of the grapes by hand create the basis for high wine quality. The grapes were destemmed individually by hand and then fermented on the mash for 10 days. The free juice was drawn off after fermentation and further aged in a half-length barrel for 8 months. The bottling took place unfiltered, with no further intervention nor additives. There are no added sulphites were not added during the entire period.

Within this wine you can find fine wild herb aromas an elegant tannin structure and a well-integrated acidity.
Drinking Window 2021-2024

£68 per case of 6 Bottles In Bond

Wittmann Riesling Trocken 2020

91 Robert Parker Points

12% ABV

Grapes for this wine come from 20 different vineyards and the wine is aged in large wooden Fuder. The wine is fresh, elegant, crystal clear, salty & mineral with a refreshing balance and it is ready to drink now.
Tasted in March 2021 by Samuel Bisson - Director O.W.Loeb
Drinking Window 2021-2028

£54 per case of 6 Bottles In Bond
£69 per case of 3 Magnums In Bond

Wittmann Vom Kalkstein Riesling Trocken 2020

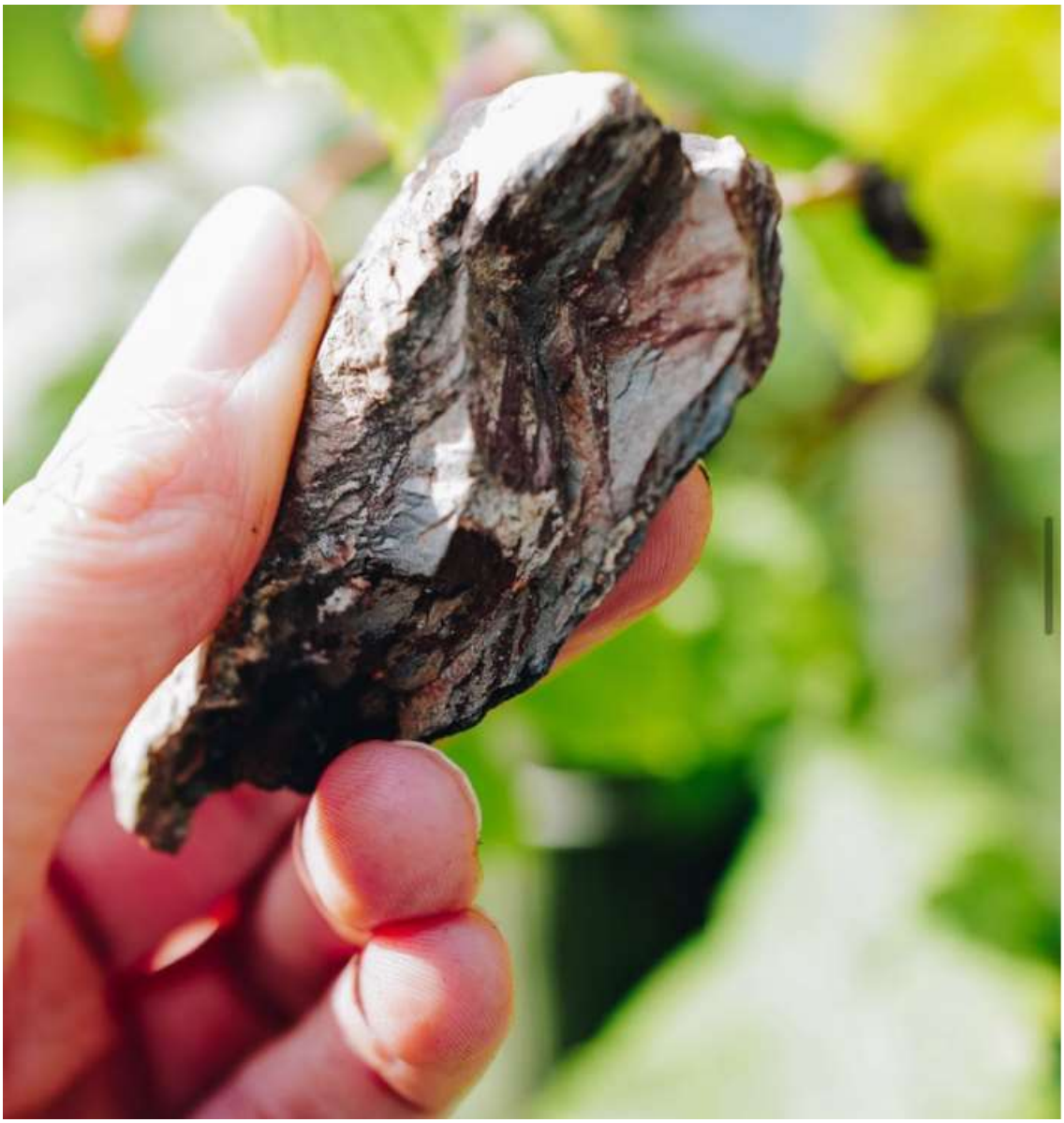
92 Robert Parker Points

12.5% ABV

This cuvée sits in quality between their Estate and Premier Cru. The 'Vom Kalkstein' vineyard showed well again in 2020 so it was bottled alone instead of going into the Estate Riesling. The wine is much richer than the estate, with more oomph. It gives a feeling of sweetness from its fruit notes without actually being sweet. This is an excellent match for Asian food.
Tasted in March 2021 by Samuel Bisson - Director O.W.Loeb
Drinking Window 2022-2032

£72 per case of 6 Bottles In Bond

Product Code	Product Description	Case Size	In Bond Case £	ABV	RP POINTS
WITTWEISSTROCK20B	Wittmann Weisser Burgunder Trocken 2020	6	£54	12.5%	91
WITTNAT20B	Wittmann Natural Silvaner & Riesling Trocken 2020	6	£68	12.0%	N/A
WITTRIESTROCK20B	Wittmann Riesling Trocken 2020	6	£54	12.0%	91
WITTRIESTROCK20M	Wittmann Riesling Trocken 2020 Magnums	3	£69	12.0%	91
WITTRIESVOMTROCK20B	Wittmann Vom Kalkstein Riesling Trocken 2020	6	£72	12.5%	92



The 2019 Vintage - Weingut Ansgar Clusserath
Small but perfectly formed

The vegetation on the Moselle started sprouting very quickly at the end of April, but growth was somewhat slowed down by cooler temperatures in May and did not start quite as quickly as in the extreme year of 2018.

Early on, they struggled a little with drought in the younger vineyards, but luckily this was interrupted and mitigated again and again by thunderstorms and rain.

On a few days in midsummer with extreme temperatures of 40 degrees and more, the yield was significantly reduced due to sunburn damage. In the middle of August the nights then became cooler, which promoted fruit ripening with stable acidity.

The harvest began at the end of September, partly interrupted by rainfall and they were able to harvest very ripe and healthy grapes. The 2018 vintage showed more tropical fruits and more readily open wines, however the 2019 wines are right now a little more closed and plenty more mineral. They will be outstanding long aged so please see our drinking windows below.

Weingut Clusserath 2019

Ansgar Clusserath Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Trocken 2019

93+ Robert Parker Points

12% ABV

The 2019 Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Trocken is clearly on GG level this year. The wine opens with an intense, pure and flinty bouquet of ripe and juicy lemons, lemon zests and crushed slate. Juicy, piquant and stimulating on the palate, this is an intense and powerful, rich and textured, very attractive dry Riesling from a roughly 100-year-old plot in the center of the cru. It is stimulatingly salty on the grippy finish but always lush and sexy. Tasted as a cask sample in May 2020 by Stephan Reinhardt for Robert Parker.

This wine needs time but when it is given time, the results will be glorious. Coming from 100 year old vines this wine is very young but it has huge potential. Yellow fruits start alongside a wonderful mouthfeel. White flowers come at the end. This is maybe the best dry wine of Eva's I have ever tried.
Tasted in May 2021 by Samuel Bisson - Director O.W.Loeb
Drinking Window 2025-2040

£125 per case of 6 Bottles In Bond

Ansgar Clusserath Vom Schiefer Riesling Trocken 2019

89-90 Robert Parker Points

11% ABV

This wine comes from a selection of different vineyards. It is a great entry level wine which is already ready to drink with its flint nose, minerality and juicy, ripe fruits on the palate.
Tasted in March 2021 by Samuel Bisson - Director O.W.Loeb

Tasted in May as a cloudy cask sample ready for bottling, the 2019 Riesling trocken Vom Schiefer opens to a flinty/reductive bouquet with stony lemon fruit aromas. Juicy and piquant on the palate, this is an intense and salty, perfectly round and ripe dry Riesling with a lingering grip, salinity and limey freshness. Excellent.
Tasted as a cask sample in May 2020 by Stephan Reinhardt for Robert Parker.

Drinking Window 2020 - 2032

£50 per case of 6 Bottles In Bond

Ansgar Clusserath Steinreich Trittenheimer Riesling Trocken 2019

91-92 Robert Parker Points

11.5% ABV

This wine has a lot more intensity that the Vom Schiefer. It has a great mid palate & is high acid but in a refreshing way. Lemon, superb, grapefruit, mineral, intense.
Tasted in March 2021 by Samuel Bisson - Director O.W.Loeb

Still on the lees and displaying a cloudy lemon color, the cask sample of the 2019 Riesling Steinreich is pure, ripe and intense on the precise and fresh nose with refreshing passion fruit, white peach, apricot and mango aromas. The attack on the palate is racy, and the mid-palate reveals remarkable purity, finesse and juicy freshness. The finish is tight and piquant, showing a lime and lemon-scented freshness and corresponding flavors. The 2019 Steinreich is compact and salty and reveals great purity and finesse. Very promising yet still dominated by its fresh sulfur dose.
Tasted as a cask sample in May 2020 by Stephan Reinhardt for Robert Parker.

Drinking Window 2024 - 2036

£76 per case of 6 Bottles In Bond

Product Code	Product Description	Case Size	In Bond Case £	ABV	RP POINTS
CLUSTRIAPO19B	Ansgar Clusserath Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Trocken 2019	6	£125	12.0%	93
CLUSSVSCH19B	Ansgar Clusserath Vom Schiefer Riesling Trocken 2019	6	£50	11.0%	89-90
CLUSSSTEI19B	Ansgar Clusserath Steinreich Trittenheimer Riesling Trocken 2019	6	£76	11.5%	91-92

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This is an "en primeur" offer. All prices are per case IN BOND ('IB') so exclude Duty & VAT; prices are per case of 6 bottles or 3 magnums unless stated otherwise (E&OE).

All wines are offered subject to remaining unsold. As usual we will do our best to satisfy all requests, but we may have to come back to you with alternative suggestions. When we have finalised your order, we will issue an invoice for immediate settlement. This invoice will serve as our confirmation of your kind order.

The in-bond price excludes duty currently £13.38 per six bottles and VAT (currently 20%).
When the wines are shipped (by Autumn 2021), we will ask you for your storage/delivery instructions. If you want us to deliver, we will then issue an invoice for the duty, and VAT on both the original invoice value of the wines and the duty (yes, we do pay tax on tax!).

We also reserve the right to charge for onward delivery on any single delivery of less than 24 bottles (mixed) at the rate of £18.00 incl. VAT per delivery.

Delivery charges to Scotland (north of Glasgow/Edinburgh) and islands will be passed on at cost (please enquire). If you want us to store the wine for you in bond, we will transfer it to our customers' paid reserves section at London City Bond. Storage charges are currently £4.80+VAT per 6 bottle case (or smaller) per year or part thereof, to include insurance at full replacement value (subject to normal conditions).

Please note, we reserve the right to review storage charges.
As our storage facility is bonded, you will not be charged duty and VAT on your purchases until you withdraw them for drinking, at the rates then prevailing.

If you'd like to take full advantage of the En Primeur pricing, please get your orders to us by 31st August 2021.

If you feel able to indicate your final delivery/storage instructions now, please do so when ordering. If you wish to know more about this service, please drop us a line finewine@owloeb.com or phone us on 020 7294 7690.

And finally, if you would like any advice on or have any questions about this offer please feel free to get in touch by phone or email at finewine@owloeb.com