

TOP OF THE CROPS

Introducing the Wines of Germany Top of the Crops...



BEST INDEPENDENT MERCHANT WINES

Oliver Zeter Sauvignon Blanc Fume 2016 Pfalz

🍷 Sauvignon Blanc 100%
WINERY: Oliver Zeter
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: Delibo Wine Agencies
STOCKISTS: Connolly's of Birmingham, The Oxford Wine Company, Hitchin Wines, Vin Neuf, Stratford, Caviste
RRP: £23.00

A funky wine with great character. Notes of nettle, asparagus, bread and yeast.



Wirsching Iphöfer Kronsberg Silvaner Alte Reben 2016 Franken

🍷 100%
WINERY: Weingut Wirsching
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: The Wine Barn
STOCKISTS: The Wine Barn
RRP: £21.99
Lovely delicate, smooth style with melon, grapes and honey.



Matheus Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Auslese QMP 2011 Mosel

🍷 Riesling
WINERY: Matheus
STYLE: Sweet
STOCKISTS: M&M Personal Vintners
RRP: 16.99
Lovely classic wine with lime and citrus on the palate. Good layers and typicity.



FEATURED CATEGORIES AND EXPERT JUDGES WERE:

- Best multiple retailer and online retailer wines – Jamie Avenell (wine buyer, Conviviality), Alex Hunt (purchasing director, Berkmann), Jenny Smith (wine buyer, Oddbins)
- Best independent merchant wines – Dawn Mannis (founder, The Sampler), Mark Flounders (wine buyer, Vagabond), Jimmy Smith (owner, Streatham Wine House)
- Best on-trade wines – Harry Lobek (owner, London Shell Co), Gus Pollard (head sommelier, 10 Cases), Dan Belmont (wine specialist, Bedales), Paul Laurie (general manager, Pipe of Port)
- Best unrepresented wines – Jamie Avenell (Conviviality), Alex Hunt (Berkmann), Jenny Smith (Oddbins), Harry Lobek (London Shell Co), Gus Pollard (10 Cases), Dan Belmont (Bedales), Paul Laurie (Pipe of Port)

Zwölberich Auxerrois Qualitätswein 2016 Nahe

🍷 100%
WINERY: Weingut im Zwölberich
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: Richard Dudley Craig, Dudley Craig Wines, 58-60 Kensington Church Street, London W8 4DB
STOCKISTS: Dudley Craig Wines
RRP: £14.95
Charming wine with a great fruit spectrum, from melon to citrus.



Leitz Magic Mountain Rüdesheim Riesling 2016 Rheingau

🍷 100% Riesling
WINERY: Weingut Leitz
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: Awin Barratt Siegel
STOCKISTS: Alexander Wines, Ex-Cellar
RRP: £20.00
Ripe tropical aromas, restrained and elegant on the palate with soft floral notes.



Wilhelm Riesling Qualitätswein 2016 Mosel

🍷 Riesling
WINERY: Bischöfliche Weingüter Trier
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: Boutinot
STOCKISTS: D Byrne & Co, Noel Young Wines, The Jolly Vintner, Vino Wines
RRP: £12.49
Beautiful savoury lemon and saline on the palate with brilliant racy acidity. Deft and pure.



SA Prum Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett 2016 Mosel

🍷 Riesling 100%
WINERY: SA Prum
STYLE: Medium
IMPORTER: Delibo Wine Agencies
STOCKISTS: Delibo Wine Agencies
RRP: £24.50
Wonderfully balanced and creamy. Opulent, rich and dense, yet refreshing and savoury. A real classic.



Bibo Runge Hargardun Riesling 2015 Rheingau

🍷 Riesling 100%
WINERY: Bibo Runge
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: Delibo Wine Agencies
STOCKISTS: Vin Neuf, Stratford, Corkage Guildford, David Alexander, Hampshire, McNicoll & Cairnie, Scotland
RRP: £21.00
Complex, spicy and herbal with hints of lime. Very typical.



Schneider Grauschiefer Riesling 2016 Nahe

🍷 100%
WINERY: Weingut Schneider
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: The Wine Barn
STOCKISTS: The Wine Barn
RRP: £13.15
Floral perfume on the nose with a flinty mid-palate and a lovely texture throughout.



Dr Loosen Erdener Treppchen Riesling Alte Reben GG 2016 Mosel

🍷 100% Riesling
WINERY: Weingut Dr Loosen
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: Awin Barratt Siegel
STOCKISTS: Alexander Wines, Ex-Cellar
RRP: £44-£46
A rich, opulent soft and sexy wine that will age.



Becker-Landgraf Muschelkalk Spätburgunder 2013 Rheinhessen

🍷 Spätburgunder
WINERY: Becker-Landgraf
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: The Winery
STOCKISTS: The Winery
RRP: 28.99
Smokey and meaty with tons of character. Fresh and fragrant with cherries and bacon. A sexy wine.



Following the success of the Top 50 competition which has run for the past four years, the Wines of Germany Top of the Crops competition aims to find the best wines from Germany and place them in front of UK consumers and members of the trade and press, inspiring the nation to try new wines and discover what Germany has to offer today.

On Wednesday March 7, 10 key members of the UK trade met at Bedales in Borough Market to select Germany's Top of the Crops. In a change to the competition of previous years, entrants were asked to enter their wines according to the channel in which they are sold. The wines were then organised by channel category in the tasting with each category being judged by experts in that sector.

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Franz Anton Spätburgunder 2015 Baden

100%
WINERY: Weingut Franz Keller
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: The Wine Barn
STOCKISTS: The Wine Barn
RRP: £23.75
A polished wine, complex, smokey, soft and juicy with great length.



Hanewald-Schwerdt Spätburgunder 2015 Pfalz

100% Spätburgunder/Pinot Noir
WINERY: Weingut Hanewald-Schwerdt
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: Prohibition Wines, London; Reserve Wines, Manchester; Noel Young Wines, Cambridge
STOCKISTS: Prohibition Wines, London; Reserve Wines, Manchester; Noel Young Wines, Cambridge
RRP: £13.95
Elegant fruit, soft and plush with a bright acidity.



BEST MULTIPLE RETAILER/ ONLINE RETAILER WINES

Pinot Blanc von Rheinhessen 2016 Rheinhessen

Pinot Blanc 100%
WINERY: Reh Kendermann GmbH Weinkellerei
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: Tesco
STOCKISTS: Tesco
RRP: £8.00
Smokey and floral nose with lovely appley fruit and creamy acidity on the palate.



Mohr Riesling Spätlese 2016 Rheingau/Germany

100% Riesling
WINERY: Weingut Mohr
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: GK Wine House
STOCKISTS: GK Wine House
RRP: £19.90
Ripe peaches and a good structure. A proper wine with good length and will age.



Devil's Rock Riesling 2017 Pfalz

Riesling 85%
WINERY: Weinkellerei Hechtsheim
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: LGCF UK
STOCKISTS: Co-op
RRP: £5.99
Simple, fruity with lovely aromatics. Good value.



Asia de Cuba Riesling 2016 Landwein Rhein

Riesling 100%
WINERY: Hiestand
STYLE: Medium Dry
IMPORTER: Virgin Wines
STOCKISTS: Virgin Wines
RRP: £12.99
Lovely balance with lime and lemon flavours. Long finish with complex layers and good depth.



Martin Wassmer Schlatter Maltesergarten Spätburgunder QbA 2013 Baden

Pinot Noir 100%
WINERY: Martin Wassmer
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: Crush Wines Society
STOCKISTS: Wine Society
RRP: £15.00
Great body and texture with some good oak and black cherry fruit. Interesting and aromatic with an intense finish.



BEST ON-TRADE WINES

Thörle Saulheimer Riesling Kalkstein 2015 Rheinhessen

Riesling
WINERY: Thorle
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: Carte Blanche Wines
STOCKISTS: Carte Blanche Wines
RRP: £14.80
Vibrant and bright with ripe and juicy fruit. Residual sugar balanced by good acidity.



Flick Victoriaberg Riesling 2016 Rheingau

Riesling
WINERY: Flick
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: The Winery
STOCKISTS: The Winery
RRP: £12.66 (wholesale ex VAT)
Aromas of stewed apples hint at lees ageing. Energetic and lively with lots of fruit and good texture leading to a long finish.



Walter Riesling 2016 Mosel

Riesling
WINERY: Walter
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: The Winery
STOCKISTS: The Winery
RRP: £8.24 (wholesale ex VAT)
Aromas of white blossom, apricots and a touch of mango. Elegant, fresh and zippy on the palate.



Schloss Johannisberg Riesling Feinherb Yellow Seal 2016 Rheingau

Riesling 100%
WINERY: Schloss Johannisberg
STYLE: Medium Dry
IMPORTER: Hallgarten
STOCKISTS: Strictly Wines
RRP: £17.86
Subtle and delicate aromas of white flower and candied fruit. Great balance, precise style and a long finish.



Markus Molitor Wehlener Klosterberg Kabinett 2015 Mosel

Riesling (100%)
WINERY: Markus Molitor
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: Bibendum Wine
STOCKISTS: Bibendum Wine
RRP: £14.64
A great example of a quality German Riesling. Green apple flavours, fresh acidity and amazing balance.



Dönnhoff Oberhäuser Brücke Riesling Spätlese 2013 Nahe

100% Riesling
WINERY: Dönnhoff
STYLE: Off Dry
IMPORTER: Awın Barratt Siegel
STOCKISTS: Justerini & Brooks
RRP: £38-£40
Aromatically delightful with scents of orange blossom and pear. Racy acidity cuts through ripe apricot and melon flavours leaving a fresh and fruity finish.



Kopp Spätburgunder Roter Porphy Baden 2015 Baden

Pinot Noir (100%)
WINERY: Weingut Kopp
STYLE: Dry
IMPORTER: Bibendum Wine
STOCKISTS: Bibendum Wine
RRP: £22.89
Smokey, dark and brooding with great structure. Lovely flavours of dried fruit and spice.



BEST UNREPRESENTED WINES

Fleischer Sauvignon Blanc 2016 Rheinhessen

Sauvignon Blanc 100%
WINERY: Fleischer Wein seit 1742 e. K.
STYLE: Dry
EX-CELLAR PRICE PER BOTTLE: €3.83
Aromatically in line with New Zealand Sauvignons but with softer fruit. Grassy, vegetal flavours with a touch of stone fruit on the finish.



Weinbiet Grauburgunder Edition Philipp Bassler 2016 Pfalz

100% Grauburgunder
WINERY: WinzerGenossenschaft Weinbiet
STYLE: Dry
EX-CELLAR PRICE PER BOTTLE: €10.00
Apple, spice and savoury notes. Textured and interesting, with intense character.



Hauck Grauburgunder Spätlese Trocken 2017 Rheinhessen

Pinot Gris
WINERY: Weingut Hauck
STYLE: Dry
EX-CELLAR PRICE PER BOTTLE: €4.25
Medium body, with good texture and fruit. Flavours of peach and white pepper – very refreshing.



Raddeck Orbel Riesling 2016 Rheinhessen

Riesling
WINERY: Weingut Raddeck
STYLE: Dry
EX-CELLAR PRICE PER BOTTLE: €8.45
Delicate and floral with aromas of white blossom and honeysuckle. Soft on the palate with gentle acidity and a touch of sweetness.



Querbach Riesling Edition 2008 Rheingau

Riesling
WINERY: Querbach
STYLE: Dry
EX-CELLAR PRICE PER BOTTLE: €5.00
Well-made and fruity, bursting with citrus flavours, predominantly lime, on the palate. Slightly off-dry with ageing potential.



German Riesling 2016 Baden

Riesling
WINERY: Weinmanufaktur Gengenbach-Offenburg
STYLE: Sweet
EX-CELLAR PRICE PER BOTTLE: €3.15
Lovely little Riesling for the price. Lively and fresh, slightly off-dry and very drinkable.



Eimermann Riesling Feinherb 2015 Rheinhessen

Riesling
WINERY: Weingut Eimermann-Domtalhof
STYLE: Medium Dry
EX-CELLAR PRICE PER BOTTLE: €4.10
Good aromas of apples, pears and white flower. Off-dry with a delicate and comforting sweetness and a lovely long finish.



Edition A - Achkarren Schlossberg Pinot Noir 2016 Baden / Kaiserstuhl

Spätburgunder 100%
WINERY: WinzerGenossenschaft Achkarren
STYLE: Dry
EX-CELLAR PRICE PER BOTTLE: €29.00
An excellent example of a Pinot Noir – delicate, with good fruit structure. Nice level of tannins, balanced perfectly by refreshing acidity,



Black Forest Pinot Noir 2015 Baden

Red
WINERY: Badischer Winzerkeller
STYLE: Dry
EX-CELLAR PRICE PER BOTTLE: €4.50
Bursting with red fruit flavours on the nose. Red cherry, plum and damson on the palate with a touch of sweet spice.



Spätburgunder Avantgarde "Hölle" 2015 Palatinate

100% Spätburgunder
WINERY: Bergdolt-Reif & Nett
STYLE: Dry
EX-CELLAR PRICE PER BOTTLE: €850
A great example of a German Pinot Noir – it offers a bit of everything. Smokey aromas, ripe and stewed red fruit flavours, good tannins and lively acidity.

