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2018 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Pinot Blanc Thronje

Achim Molitor's 2018 Pinot Blanc Thronje opens intense yet clear, pure and herbal on the elegant and floral/herbal (tarragon!) nose that also reveals some sur-lie aromas. Round and fruity on the palate, this is a very elegant and fruity Pinot with a charming character yet not much substance in terms of depth and structure. This is very pleasant and charming as well as remarkably finessed and already tastes fine. Tasted October 2020.

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2018 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Wintrich Ohligsborg Riesling trocken GG

The 2018 Wintrich Ohligsborg Riesling trocken GG is pure, fresh and fine on the herbal, elegant and intense nose that reveals crushed stone aromas as well as notes of tarragon and a long sur-lie aging. On the palate, this is a creamy-elegant dry Riesling with a quiet flow yet a rather ascetic character. Bone-dry (I suppose) yet with a seriously finish. Slightly bitter. Tasted in October 2020.

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2018 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Molitor Riesling Alte Reben trocken

The 2018 Molitor Riesling Alte Reben trocken opens clear, pure, fresh yet quite intense, complex and floral on the promising nose. The wine is dry, firm and grippy on the palate, light to medium-bodied and well structured. The finish of this dry 12.5% alcohol Riesling is elegant and fine with good length and some tart notes. Tasted in October 2020.

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2018 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese Feinherb

The 2018 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese Feinherb is clear and aromatic on the nose that represents perfectly ripe and concentrated yet healthy Riesling fruit intertwined with stony notes. Juicy-piquant and elegant on the palate, this is a pure, crystalline, stimulating and mineral Goldtröpfchen with delicate acidity and finesse and a seriously structured finish. This is a Spätlese interpreted as a gastronomic wine: not all too reductive and not too sweet. Tasted from AP 4 19 in October 2020.

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2018 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese trocken GG

Achim Molitor's 2018 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese trocken GG opens pure, refreshing and mineral yet dense and charming on the aromatic and slightly flinty nose. On the palate, this is a medium-bodied, elegant, fresh and quite aromatic Riesling with good tension. However, it's really hard to identify the (huge) Goldtröpfchen here. Tasted in October 2020.

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2018 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Dhroner Riesling Spätlese feinherb

The 2018 Dhroner Riesling Spätlese feinherb opens intense on the nose that is stony and floral rather than fruity. Round and charming on the palate, this is a rather light and delicate Mosel Riesling bottled with 11.5% alcohol and some grams of residual sugar that are well played about by the delicate slate acidity and salinity. Very fine and digestible. Tasted in October 2020.

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**2018 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz
Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Auslese

The gold-capsuled 2018 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Auslese * is a mouth-filling, silky-textured, refined and elegant wine in the medium-sweet, food-friendly style. It is pure and flinty on the nose, with clear, precise and aromatic fruit and rye bread, lemon zest and stony notes. This is a highly attractive, absolutely stimulating Auslese bottled with 8.5% alcohol. It is mineral and fruity rather than sweet and textured and reveals crystalline acidity and stimulating salinity. To me, this is the Auslese style of the future. Nobody likes to drink these overly sweet wines that need decades to mature. This 2018, however, already tastes absolutely stimulating. Tasted from AP 06 19 in October 2020.

- Stephan Reinhardt (October, 2020)

**2018 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz
Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling
Beerenauslese**

The 2018 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Beerenauslese is far less sweet than most of the wines in this noble sweet category. Bottled with 10% alcohol, the wine opens with a concentrated yet precise, very elegant and slightly flinty/stony bouquet with very fine raisin and citrus fruit aromas. Round and playful on the palate, this is an intense, piquant, elegant, well-structured and very digestible BA with remarkable citric piquancy, candied ginger notes and vitality on the finish. Lime and lemon flavors on the aftertaste. Tasted from AP 08 19 in October 2020.

- Stephan Reinhardt (October, 2020)

2017 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Pinot Noir Magnus Deus

The 2017 Pinot Noir Magnus Deus opens with an elegant and quite intense bouquet of ripe and sweet cherries with licorice and toasty aromas. Medium to full-bodied, fresh and straight on the palate, this silky-textured Pinot reveals a fine but grippy and persistent tannin structure and fine salinity on the finish. Dry and tart but stimulating. Much less oaky and toasty than the 2015. Excellent. Tasted in October 2020.

- Stephan Reinhardt (October, 2020)

2017 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Piesporter Grafenberg Riesling trocken GG

Molitor's 2017 Piesporter Grafenberg Riesling trocken GG is very clear and substantial on the pure, elegant, balanced and aromatic nose that displays white fruit, tarragon and earthy notes. Dense and concentrated yet vital, pure, fresh and salty on the palate, this is a tight, stimulating, salty-piquant yet rather ascetic Riesling classic that reminds me of the 1999 Molitor Riesling but on a higher, much drier level. Still young, though. Tasted in October 2020.

- Stephan Reinhardt (October, 2020)

2017 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling trocken GG

Achim Molitor's 2017 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling trocken GG doesn't have the complexity of the Grafenberg but is the more charming and accessible Riesling cru. Round and juicy yet still pure and refined on the palate, this is another classic yet with less distinctiveness and expression. The Grafenbegr is probably Molitor's finest yet less well known cru. The wine is dense, quite rich, long and round yet again not what I'd pick up as a Goldtröpfchen. Tasted in October 2020.

- Stephan Reinhardt (October, 2020)

2017 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Pinot Noir Mont Piesport "Falco"

The cherry-colored 2017 Pinot Noir Mont Piesport "Falco" is still very fruity and reminiscent of cherries on the elegant yet still not subtle nose. Silky, fine and elegant on the first palate, this is a full-bodied, round and still fruit-driven Pinot with intense, perfectly ripe fruit and a warm finish. This is doubtlessly a very good Pinot Noir with fine acidity and ripe tannins, yet it doesn't have the coolish soul of the 2016, which is the more delicate and fresher vintage for Pinot Noir. The 2017 will probably benefit from a bit more bottle age. Tasted in October 2020.

- Stephan Reinhardt (October, 2020)



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2017 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Piesporter Falkenberg Riesling Spätlese Feinherb

The 2017 Piesporter Falkenberg Riesling Spätlese Feinherb is fine and discreet on the bright and elegant nose that intermingles white fruit aromas with citrus and finely stony notes. Tight and quite dry on the palate, this is a pure, lean and linear, positively astringent, frisky and salty Riesling with serious grip and mineral tension. It's an ascetic style rather than hedonistic. Almost ready to enjoy with freshwater fish and cold meat. Tasted from AP 08 18 in October 2020.

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2017 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Auslese *

The 2017 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Auslese * opens with an intense botrytis tone on the nose, revealing elegant and tropical fruit aromas intertwined with flinty slate notes. Round yet clear and crystalline on the palate, this is a juicy-piquant, salty and grapefruit-bitter Auslese with grip and 10.5% alcohol. That means the wine is far less sweet than what has become pretty typical nowadays. So, if you prefer the old style that is more saline rather than sweet and if you need to match your cheese with something other than Champagne, this is the wine to try. It can age for many years as well, though, and will match wild boar and deer perfectly in 20 years. Tasted from AP 05 18 in October 2020.

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2017 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Pinot Noir

Achim Molitor's 2017 Pinot Noir is a typically light-footed, fresh and filigreed Pinot from the Mosel's slate soils. The wine is pretty intense and fruity as well as crystalline and straight on the palate yet doesn't show much structure or depth. It is a rather easy-drinking and filigreed Pinot with good length and terroir expression. A very good Mosel Pinot Noir. Tasted in October 2020.

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2017 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Molitor Riesling Alte Reben trocken "O"

The 2017 Molitor Riesling Alte Reben trocken "O" is bright, pure and complex on the dense, elegant, fresh, tart and citrus-fruity nose. Dense, complex and long on the palate, this is a medium to full-bodied, bone-dry, tight, mineral and elegant Riesling with a long, complex and persistent but clear and dry finish. This 2017 drinks perfectly now yet will keep its class for another 10-15 years. Tasted in October 2020.

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**2016 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz
Piesporter Grafenberg Riesling Trocken
"GG"**

Achim Molitor's 2016 Piesporter Grafenberg Riesling Trocken "GG" (AP #22 17) offers an elegant, clear, beautifully spicy and floral bouquet of ripe stone fruits, melon, mango, apple and a touch of oak. On the lush and elegant palate, remarkable finesse and purity stresses the salty-mineral character of this Grafenberg that comes along with 12.5% alcohol and was bottled as Qualitätswein (in contrast to the Goldtröpfchen, which are both Spätlese). The finish is pure, fresh and very stimulating. This is another dry Mosel classic: straight, lean and humble, with reliable aging potential. Tasted April 2018.

- Stephan Reinhardt (April, 2018)

**2016 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz
Piesporter Falkenberg Riesling Auslese ****

The 2016 Piesporter Falkenberg Riesling Auslese ** (AP #9 17) displays a pretty clear, fresh, aromatic and flinty yet not overly fine bouquet with some earthy-mineral notes. Round, lush and elegant on the palate, this is a sweet, well-structured, pretty intense yet also piquant and delicate Auslese with a dense texture and lingering salinity. It is still young and a bit rustic in the grippy finish but with good potential to age. Tasted April 2018.

- Stephan Reinhardt (April, 2018)

2016 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Pinot Noir Mont Piesport "Falco"

From the Piesporter Falkenberg and a rather schizophrenic vintage that started terribly wet yet finished terribly dry and warm, Molitor's 2016 Pinot Noir Mont Piesport "Falco" is purely fruity and even floral on the openhearted and elegant nose that displays cherry, raspberry and cassis aromas intertwined with the delicate spices of licorice and slate. Silky, fresh and crystalline on the palate, this is a pure, fine and elegant, medium to full-bodied and juicy and Pinot Noir with firm but fine tannins and ripe, even sweetish dark and red fruit aromas. It is intense and even powerful toward the finish. Very elegant and long, with lingering flavors of salt licorice. A fabulous discovery that already drinks beautifully. Tasted in October 2020.

- Stephan Reinhardt (October, 2020)

2016 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Auslese *

The 2016 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Auslese * (AP #6 17) displays some raisin and grapefruit flavors but lacks clarity, precision and finesse. Lush, intense and piquant, with grip and some bitter flavors, this filigreed but also slightly rustic 8% alcohol Auslese shows nice transparency and mineral grip in the finish. However, I wouldn't call it a "feine Auslese" (which is most likely symbolized by the single star). Tasted April 2018.

- Stephan Reinhardt (April, 2018)



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**2016 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz
Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese
Trocken "GG"**

The 2016 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese Trocken "GG" (AP #15 17) displays a rich, intense and spicy bouquet with concentrated, ripe fruit aromas and noble oak flavors from the aging in barrels. Medium-bodied, pure and fresh on the palate, this is a seriously mineral Goldtröpfchen in a pretty unique style. It's rather lean and shows pronounced acidity with good mineral grip and tension. The ripeness seems to be rather moderate, but I really like the purity and freshness of this Mosel classic in a modern (oaky) robe. 12% alcohol. Tasted April 2018.

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**2016 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz
Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese
Trocken**

Molitor's 2016 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese Trocken (AP #5 17) has a clear, deep yet discreet and mineral bouquet. The wine is every elegant and silky on the palate, well-balanced and medium-weight yet intense and provided with a serious finish. 11% alcohol. Great pleasure and potential here. Tasted April 2018.

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2016 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Wintrich Ohligsberg Riesling Trocken "GG"

The intensely citrus-colored 2016 Wintrich Ohligsberg Riesling Trocken "GG" (AP #3 17) displays a lovely clear, round and aromatic bouquet of perfectly ripe fruits (citrus and stone fruits) along with floral/herbal and slatey-mineral notes of crushed stones. Full-bodied, intense and juicy, with discreet tannin grip (probably highlighted by the barrel aging), this is a very elegant and beautifully balanced 13% alcohol Riesling with lots of spices, persistent fruit and lingering mineral grip. A really expressive Riesling that already drinks very well but can be cellared for at least a decade. Tasted April 2018.

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2016 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Piesporter Falkenberg Riesling Spätlese

Achim Molitor's 2016 Piesporter Falkenberg Riesling Spätlese (AP #8 17) offers a clear, fresh, precise and mineral/reductive bouquet of bright fruits and crushed stones. Very lush and beautifully piquant, this is a light to medium-bodied, very elegant and refined Spätlese whose salty-mineral finish balances the sweetness perfectly. 9.5% alcohol. Tasted April 2018.

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2016 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Piesporter Falkenberg Riesling Eiswein

The 2016 Piesporter Falkenberg Riesling Eiswein (AP #7 17) shows brilliantly clear, bright and refined fruit with flinty aromas. Lush, piquant and enormously salty on the palate, this a highly elegant, precise and stimulating Eiswein with great finesse and persistency. Fabulous!

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2015 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Pinot Noir "Mont Piesport"

Mainly from the Falkenberg and aged in new barriques, Achim Molitor's ruby-garnet colored 2015 Pinot Noir "Mont Piesport" (AP #12 17) opens with a very smoky bouquet of ripe dark fruits, dark chocolate and cloves on the fresh and precise but still pretty oak nose. Full-bodied, round and juicy, with ripe, well-concentrated fruit, delicate acidity and fine tannins, this is an intense and aromatic Pinot that is still a bit astringent in the finish and masks its talents with probably too much oak. Will this change over the years in the bottle? The wine has enough vitality and structured to stand 10 to 15 years. This could be a lovely pairing with game. Tasted April 2018.

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2015 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Pinot Noir Magnus Deus

Achim Molitor's ruby-purple colored 2015 Pinot Noir Magnus Deus offers an elegant and intense bouquet of toasty cherry and red berry aromas on a spicy, pure, refreshing, slate-scented and flinty background. Silky, intense and round on the palate, this is a full-bodied, intense, ripe and concentrated, quite powerful yet fresh and elegant Pinot Noir that is still young and encapsulated and should benefit from aeration. This is another excellent example for how well Pinot Noir grows on Mosel slate. Tasted in October 2020.

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2015 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Pinot Noir

Achim Molitor's 2015 Pinot Noir has a nicely cloudy garnet-ruby color and opens with a lovely clear, precise and fresh bouquet of red fruits intertwined with earthy slate and porcini aromas. Silky textured, lush and very elegant on the palate, this is a very delicate yet concentrated and vivacious Pinot Noir with fine tannins, very fine crystalline acidity and a juicy, aromatic finish full of heart cherries, character and vibrant vitality. This is a gorgeous, straight and refreshing Pinot Noir from the Mosel. I have never had it before, but it's a fabulous—and very authentic—wine indeed, and I couldn't resist pouring more from the bottle again and again... 13% alcohol. Tasted April 2018 (AP #2).

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2010 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Molitor Riesling Brut Nature

Disgorged earlier this year, the 2010 Molitor Riesling Brut Nature opens with a clear, fresh and elegant bouquet with lovely matured fruit and yeasty and slaty notes. Intense and fresh on the palate, this is a dense and elegant Riesling Sekt with substance, body and good length. Quite complex and concentrated, this is a serious gastronomic Riesling whose bubbles could be finer, though this is nothing you will notice if you enjoy this sparkling wine with pork. Tasted in October 2020.

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2007 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Beerenauslese

The 2007 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Beerenauslese (AP #6 08) has a lovely clear and delicate bouquet of perfectly ripe apricots, very fine raisins and a fascinating spiciness (white pepper). Light but intense and lush on the palate, with concentrated but not overly sweet fruit, great elegance and balance, this BA has a fine, gorgeously aromatic, enormously stimulating and salty finish. Tasted April 2018.

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2007 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Wintricher Riesling Kabinett Halbtrocken

Served from a one-liter bottle, the 2007 Wintricher Riesling Kabinett Halbtrocken (AP #14 08) displays elegant, open, matured, slightly caramelly fruit intertwined with delicate flinty slate aromas on the nose. Light to medium-bodied on the palate, this is a deliciously filigreed and salty-mineral Riesling that tastes dry but perfectly fruity, with a touch of creamy caramel and stimulating vitality and finesse. It's a typical 2007, and believe me or not, it would probably shine even in a 2007 GG tasting. This is a gorgeous gastronomic Riesling at 10.5% alcohol—perfect to drink now and over the next 10 years, most likely even longer. Tasted April 2018.

- Stephan Reinhardt (April, 2018)

1999 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Wintrich Grosser Herrgott Riesling Beerenauslese

The golden-apricot colored 1999 Wintrich Grosser Herrgott Riesling Beerenauslese is clear, intense and spicy on the nose with candied orange aromas, lemon balm, some smoky notes and possibly a hint of oak. Round and juicy-piquant on the palate, with fine astringency yet a palatable sweetness, this is a very elegant BA with a vivacious and salty finish and sweetness that remains dominant but never sticky. This is rather a dessert wine to have with smoked cheese to crème brûlée. 9% alcohol. Tasted in October 2020.

- Stephan Reinhardt (October, 2020)



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1999 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Molitor Riesling

The 1999 Molitor Riesling is clear and fresh yet matured on the pure, elegant, slightly caramelly and smoky nose that shows many reasons for which you might adore Riesling. Round and quite intense on the palate, with a firm grip and remarkable freshness, this is a round and charming yet, after 21 years, neither really sweet nor really dry Riesling with an intensely aromatic and mineral finish. Stunning as well as fascinating. A rousing classic! Are there any white 1999 Burgundies of this class around? Tasted in October 2020.

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1997 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Riesling Auslese ** "Molitor Botrytis"

The golden-yellow 1997 Riesling Auslese ** "Molitor Botrytis" (AP #4 98) shows a clear, elegant, beautifully matured bouquet with notes of ripe and dried apples, stone fruits and an oxidative touch as result of a fully wetted cork. Sweet, lush and piquant, this is a round, very elegant and delicate Auslese with a long, aromatic, tensioned and salty finish. There are caramel flavors in the aftertaste. This is a highly delicious Riesling at 8% alcohol, and it should be gorgeous with a tarte tatin. Tasted April 2018.

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1997 Weingut Molitor Rosenkreuz Riesling Spätlese "Molitor"

The 1997 Riesling Spätlese "Molitor" offers a clear, very delicate and pure bouquet with flinty and herbal passion fruit and mango aromas. Medium-bodied, vital and salty, with finely piquant acidity and beautifully clear, aromatic fruit, this 10.5% alcohol Spätlese is straight, firm, finessed, pure and ageless in its vitality and taut mineral grip. The acidity is pronounced, but the clear, pure fruit and medium weight reminds me a bit of the 2016s. This is a great Mosel classic with finesse and tension that should be perfect with many dishes, especially fish. Tasted April 2018.

- Stephan Reinhardt (April, 2018)