

# REUSCHER-HAART

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MOSEL-SAAR-RUWER  
Mosel

## OVERVIEW

These old-school wines need a lot of time.

The Moselander describe the citizens of this village as “rich kids” because everyone wants their wine and will pony up accordingly. And here's an estate giving their wines all the time they need, not caring to make wines that will flatter the palate five months after the vintage. This I think is known as integrity.

These wines aren't really made for our frantic world. SHOW WELL! KICK ASS! SELL THROUGH! WHAT'S NEXT? Not like that. Maybe ours are the last generations who'll live in microwave-time. It really isn't conducive to savoring the wine experience, that mentality. Do you suppose there's an incipient movement toward a more attentive mode of living? Not ouiji-board goopy, but just pausing long enough to notice stuff? I hope so, or wine as we know it is doomed. Life as we know it is doomed.

At their best, one can see why [these wines] are held in such renown. Schwang's wines can have impressive, almost majestic corpulence without being fat, plus a positive depth and stuffing from the lees. When that happens the Piesport fruit shows its *raison d'être*; an almost lurid *court bouillon* of bewitching fragrances and flavors; patchouli, passion fruit, bergamot, mango. And all in a voodoo voluptuousness that's the wine equivalent of an erotic trance. We should have our parents permission before drinking them. My parents would have refused!

- Terry Theise

## VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

- Farmed via *lutte raisonnée*—integrated plant protection eschewing insecticides and fungicides
- Ambient yeast fermentation, wines are neither fined nor filtered.

### 95120 - Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese Feinherb “Über Schwang” 2012

The name is a pun on the family's surname (Schwang) which means both “pregnant” and also, in this context, “over the moon” as our British friends would say when they were really... ah, stoked. I love the '11, and this one's also robust, concentrated and almost muscular; it's in that wonderful zone of no perceptible sweetness, but fruit-to-the-MAX. It's clinging-long, smells of quince and woodruff and dried apricots, and it's chunky chewy happy blob of Riesling goodness.”

- Terry Theise

### 95118 - Piesporter Goldtropchen Riesling Kabinett 2012

... Tasting drier than usual and seeming to be semi-solid, with almost a shiitake note, soy and bacon fat. Don't think the promise of all that peach and citrus orange notes will get lost in the rustic goodness.

### 95119 - Piesporter Riesling 2012 (Liters)

One of the best values in the Theise Portfolio.

With the concentration of the vintage, this peachy little guy has ideas above his station. I like it's candid, gushing style.

- Terry Theise

**Varieties:** Riesling, Müller-Thurgau, Regent

**Total Acreage:** 11 acres

**Average Production:** 2,800 cases



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