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89 Château de Mascaraux Madiran 2011 \$34 Nicely oaky, this full-bodied red is layered with cherry preserves, ganache and sweet spice flavors, boasting a plush texture. The firm but integrated acidity holds this together through the mineral- and floral-laced finish. The tannins are firm but softening. Drink now through 2018. 2,500 cases made.—G.S.



DENIS DEGACHE
Winemaker

88 Château de Crouselles Madiran 2011 \$34 A mouthwatering acidity and ample tannins support the red berry, creamy chocolate and sweet spice flavors in this full-bodied red. Mineral and dried floral details line the clean finish. Drink now through 2018. 3,300 cases made.—G.S.

88 Plaimont Madiran Château Arricau-Bordes 2012 \$34 This well-spiced, full-bodied red is rich with kirsch, cherry preserves and ganache flavors, underscored with graphite and dried herb accents. Shows floral and paprika details on the taut finish, supported by solid acidity and tannins. Drink now through 2020. 1,100 cases made.—G.S.

87 Plaimont Madiran Maestria 2012 \$15 Well-structured, with firm acidity and tannins, this red shows dried currant, hot stone and grilled herb flavors. Sweet spice and tarragon accents come alive on the zesty finish. Best from 2016 through 2020. 10,000 cases made.—G.S.

87 Plaimont St.-Mont Vignes Préphyloxériques 2012 \$15 A firm, zesty acidity marks this muscular red, sporting notes of ground coffee, dried berry, kirsch and spice. Earthy, herbal undertones and ample tannins define the finish. Drink now through 2018. 5,000 cases made.—G.S.

86 Plaimont Madiran Cimes Pirenèus 2011 \$12 A concentrated red, this shows dried red currant, sweet spice and herbal flavors, held together by tangy acidity. This shows hot stone and floral details on the crisp finish, with firm, integrated tannins. Drink now through 2018. 12,500 cases made.—G.S.

86 Château Plaisance Fronton 2013 \$17 This medium-bodied red has a stepped floral tea aroma that binds the dark plum and cherry flavors, supported by lightly chewy tannins and a tangy acidity. Savory spice and dried herb aromas mark the mineraly finish. Négrette, Syrah and Cabernet Franc. Drink now. 3,000 cases made.—G.S.

85 Domaine du Moulin Gaillac 2013 \$13 Defined by a crisp acidity, this fresh red has cherry, ripe plum and blackberry flavors, with pepper and herbal accents. Light tannins show on the clean, mineraly finish. Drink now. 1,500 cases imported.—G.S.

85 Plaimont St.-Mont Beret Noir 2012 \$10 Boasting crisp acidity and a plump texture, this medium-bodied red shows dark cherry, muddled plum and blackberry fruit, with sweet spice and floral accents. Lightly grippy tannins match with herb and mineral details on the finish. Drink now. 6,600 cases made.—G.S.

GERMANY Riesling / Kabinett

90 Schäfer-Fröhlich Riesling Kabinett Nahe Bockenauer 2013 \$32 A rich, lusciously spiced version, with concentrated flavors of peach, ripe apple and gooseberry, matched to a note of ripe citrus. The smoky, creamy finish is long and satisfying. Drink now through 2019. 150 cases imported.—K.M.

89 Paul Anheuser Riesling Kabinett Nahe Schlossböckelheimer Königfels 2013 \$16 A lively, fresh and engaging style, with a creamy texture and flavors of Gala apple, pear tart and ripe peach that are long and lush. The finish is rich and spicy. Drink now through 2018. 350 cases made.—K.M.

89 Schloss Schönborn Riesling Kabinett Rheingau Hattenheim Pfaffenberg 2013 \$25 Shows good cut to the ripe pear, peach and baked apple flavors. Creamy midpalate, with a smoky essence that lingers on the rich finish. Drink now through 2019. 750 cases made.—K.M.

89 Zilliken Riesling Kabinett Mosel Rausch 2013 \$30 Rich and juicy, with notes of chamomile to the white raspberry, melon and ripe gooseberry flavors. Cream and spice accents show midpalate. Honey-filled finish. Drink now through 2017. 140 cases imported.—K.M.

88 Schloss Johannisberg Riesling Kabinett Feinherb Rheingau Rotlack 2013 \$55 A taut style, with plenty of fresh acidity behind the fresh-cut green apple, white cherry and gooseberry flavors. Snow pea notes show on the finish. Drink now. 2,000 cases made.—K.M.

88 Schloss Schönborn Riesling Kabinett Trocken Rheingau Hattenheim Pfaffenberg 2013 \$25 Zesty, with a fresh mix of savory and white fruit notes, featuring flavors of green pear, shiso leaf and green apple. Dried green herbs show on the finish. Drink now through 2018. 1,100 cases made.—K.M.

88 Zilliken Riesling Kabinett Mosel Saarburger 2013 \$25 White raspberry and currant flavors show a broad and creamy texture, with savory and sea salt notes filling the fresh finish. Drink now through 2018. 28 cases imported.—K.M.

87 August Kessler Riesling Kabinett Pfalz R 2014 \$18 Fresh and zesty, with intense citrusy notes to the melon- and lilac-infused flavors. Light and spicy on the finish. Drink now. 9,000 cases imported.—K.M.

87 Schloss Schönborn Riesling Kabinett Rheingau Erbach Marcobrunn 2013 \$27 Apple and tangerine flavors mix easily in this fresh, juicy version. Spice and dried mint show on the lush finish. Drink now. 450 cases made.—K.M.

GERMANY Riesling / QbA

88 Dr. Heidemanns-Bergweiler Riesling QbA Mosel 2014 \$17 See Best Values, page 119.

88 Dr. Heidemanns-Bergweiler Riesling QbA Mosel Dry Mineral 2014 \$20 Crunchy and fresh-tasting, with green apple and Boss pear flavors. Light and spicy on the lifting finish. Drink now through 2017. 600 cases made.—K.M.

88 Heinz Eifel Riesling QbA Rheinhessen Shine 2014 \$10 See Best Values, page 119.

87 Peter Nicolay Riesling QbA Mosel 2014 \$16 Fruity, with good lift to the heirloom apple and dried apricot flavors. Offers spicy notes and a creamy texture on the finish. Drink now. 800 cases made.—K.M.

87 Peter Nicolay Riesling QbA Mosel Dry 2014 \$16 Offers hints of green herbs and plenty of spice to the flavors of fresh-cut apple and blood orange. Crisp finish. Drink now. 800 cases made.—K.M.

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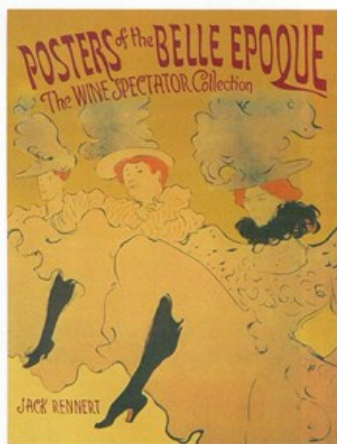
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