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A quintessential expression of the Mosel, this Wehlener Sonnenuhr Spätlese 2022 from Joh. Jos. Prüm is a harmonious balance of ripe orchard fruit, precise acidity, and slate-driven minerality.



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Alcohol : 8,00 %

Composition: 100% Riesling

Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese 2022

Mosel, Germany

Region and Vineyards

The **Mosel Valley**, one of the world's most revered winegrowing regions, is famed for its steep slate slopes, cool climate, and remarkable expressions of Riesling. The **Wehlener Sonnenuhr** vineyard, situated in the heart of the Mittelmosel, is perhaps the most famous of them all. Literally meaning "sundial of Wehlen," it was named for the sundial installed by Jodocus Prüm in the 19th century—an emblem that now signifies some of the finest Rieslings in Germany.

This site is characterised by **deep, weathered grey slate soils** and an **extreme slope of up to 70%**, with a **south-southwest exposure** that ensures optimal ripening even in cool years. The 2022 vintage, marked by **low rainfall and exceptional warmth**, required meticulous vineyard management, including green harvesting, to relieve stress on the vines and maintain fruit integrity. The resulting wines are pure and structured, with impressive ageing potential and a crystalline expression of terroir.

Winemaking

Made exclusively from **100% Riesling**, the grapes for this Spätlese were **hand-harvested** with great precision between September 19th and October 22nd, 2022. Although the vintage was not particularly high in botrytis, the meticulous selection allowed Joh. Jos. Prüm to produce a classic range including Kabinett, Spätlese, and Auslese levels.

Fermentation took place in **temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks**, preserving the aromatic purity and delicate freshness of the fruit. The wine was then left to rest on its fine lees, enhancing textural depth and complexity. With only **7.5% alcohol**, this is a quintessential Mosel Spätlese—low in alcohol yet high in flavour intensity, delicacy, and elegance. **No oak is used**, in keeping with the estate's philosophy of purity and transparency.



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Pale lemon with silvery reflections, youthful and luminous in the glass.
- **Aroma:** Enticing notes of **caramelised apple**, **lime zest**, and **white peach**, interwoven with **floral hints of jasmine** and a subtle honeyed tone. A fine veil of **slate minerality** emerges with aeration.
- **Palate:** Lusciously textured yet exquisitely balanced, the wine unfolds with flavours of **green apple**, **ripe pear**, and **candied citrus**, supported by a precise, vibrant acidity. The finish is **mineral-driven and persistent**, hinting at the wine's potential to evolve beautifully over decades.

Did you know?

The **Wehlener Sonnenuhr vineyard** owes its name to a literal sundial installed by the Prüm family in the early 1800s. The site's fame today is largely due to the legacy of **Joh. Jos. Prüm**, whose meticulous vineyard work and commitment to classic Mosel style helped elevate this vineyard into global renown. The Spätlese style, traditionally harvested **late ("spät")**, often results in wines that beautifully straddle sweetness and acidity, aging gracefully for **30 years or more**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Peking duck:** The wine's acidity and sweetness cut through the richness, while the stone fruit and floral notes echo the dish's aromatic glaze.
- **Pork with apple compote:** Complements the wine's green apple and honeyed character while matching the sweetness level.
- **Thai green curry:** The gentle sweetness and low alcohol help temper the heat and enhance the dish's herbal-spicy complexity.
- **Soft cheeses (e.g. Camembert or Brie):** The contrast of creamy textures and refreshing acidity is both classic and irresistible.



Robert Parker (RP) : 97 Points (2022)

The 2022 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Spätlese is deep, intense and complex on the saline and mineral nose that shows ripe, bright as well as yellow stone fruit aromas intertwined with floral and seed notes. Dense and juicy on the savory and crystalline palate, this is a clear, pure and tensioned Spätlese with a long, salivating saline, almost dry and lemon-fresh finish. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork.



James Suckling (JS) : 96 Points (2022)

Here's a very classic Mosel Spätlese with exactly the combination of richness, elegance and delicacy that makes this category unique. Such delicate white peach and sliced pear, rose and honeysuckle aromas. Very long finish that is as succulent as it is refined. You just want to linger there for as long as you can. Drink or hold.



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Decanter (DCT) : 95 Points (2022)

Tasted young, this sprightly spätlese announces itself with strikes of flint and an intensely smoky, earthen veil of reduction. With a bit of time and aeration (even 15 minutes introduces a remarkable transformation) you'll find deep, dazzling layers of crisp white peach, lime and lemongrass speckled with salt and stone. It's a leaner expression of the Wehlener Sonnenuhr, with a delicacy of texture that juxtaposes a piercing, pure fruit profile. A thirst-quenching sip with just a hint of sweetness that lingers on the finish. Hold until 2026 if possible, it will develop stunningly for decades.



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