



Mosel Fine Wines

"The Independent Review of Mosel Riesling"

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Vintage Report 2014

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Recommended Wines

Weingut Immich-Anker

(Enkirch – Middle Mosel)

After apprenticeship at Clüsserath-Weiler and winemaking studies in Bad Kreuznach, young Daniel Immich took over this historic family 3 ha Estate in 2009, whose roots go back, as those of the related Immich-Batterieberg, to the 15th century. The pride of the Estate's holdings (all in Enkirch) is its Eisbruch parcel in the Enkircher Zeppwingert situated right next to the Batterieberg and still planted with 60-70 year-old un-grafted vines. Wine are fermented with wild yeasts and get, for the top bottlings, extended aging on their lees. The Eisbruch Sur Lie bottling is usually only released a year after the vintage.

2014er	Immich-Anker	Enkircher Steffensberg Riesling Auslese	09 15	90
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Harvested at 95° Oechsle, this wine was made from virgin vines and offers a refreshing and quite frankly not very Auslese nose of cassis and mint which gives way to pear and only a hint of tangerine and honeyed pineapple on the palate. A great feel of under-cooled fruits runs through the rich and smooth feel on the palate, which lifts up the aromatics. The finish is quite playful, with surprisingly well-integrated acidity, and leaves a very attractive even if somewhat direct sense of vineyard peach and tangerine in the after-taste. 2019-2034+

2014er	Immich-Anker	Enkircher Steffensberg Riesling Spätlese	08 15	88+
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This delivers some scents of smoke, rose-water, tangerine, spices and herbs. The wine is medium-bodied on the palate and sharp acidity makes it quite zesty and racy. A hint of tangerine, apricot and minty herbs comes through in the comparatively smoky and highly structured finish. This gains significantly with air and the sharp side of the acidity recedes. This needs some bottle age to cut off its rough edges but should then prove a very nice fruity-styled wine. 2021-2034

2014er	Immich-Anker	Riesling Trocken Eisbruch	04 15	88
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This hay-colored wine delivers a crisp and juicy feel of apricot, mirabelle and green apple. The feel on the palate is still very racy bordering austerity as firm acidity drives the aromatics at first. The finish is still quite reduced but gains in lightness with airing. With further airing, the wine develops an attractive scent of rose-water, vineyard peach and almond. This needs loads of time to develop and cut off its rough edges (at the moment up to days open) but should then offer much pleasure. 2022-2029

2014er	Immich-Anker	Enkircher Herrenberg Riesling Spätlese Halbtrocken Liebling vom Chef	07 15	87
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The Liebling vom Chef means "favorite of the boss" in German and refers to the fact that this has always been the favorite wine from Daniel's father. This bright white-hay colored wine delivers an attractive nose of tangerine, green apple, smoke, herbs, pear and a hint of cumin. Firm acidity provides for good balance on the palate and a fleeting scent of tangerine and apricot gives a touch of complexity to the quite pure and fresh after-taste of this utterly enjoyable wine. Now-2019



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This wine, an exclusive for his US importer, is made from grapes sourced from four wine growers ("local heroes") from Enkirch, who will be named on the label. It offers a solid nose of mirabelle, pear, some rose and a hint of herbs. The wine is rather full-bodied on the palate and leaves a delicately powerful feel in the long finish. This is nicely made in a clean and comparatively complex style and should prove very versatile with food. The wine, while immediately appealing, gains significantly from airing. 2016-2019

2014er	Immich-Anker	Riesling Feinherb Eschewingert	06 15	86
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The Eschewingert Feinherb comes from a similarly named prime parcel in the Enkircher Steffensberg. This bright-colored wine delivers a nice under-cooled nose of tangerine, pear, mirabelle, melon, mint and almond essence. It is nicely balanced on the palate and a good juicy feel of acidity brings structure to the off-dry finish. This is nicely made in a direct and very open style. Now-2019

2013er	Immich-Anker	Riesling Trocken Eisbruch Sur Lie	09 14	89+
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Made with a remarkably low 11.5% of alcohol, this beautifully well-balanced wine offers a gorgeous, even if still quite backward, nose of cassis, pear, star anise, pink grapefruit, lemon peel, greengage and herbs. The wine is still quite backward and dominated by lees on the palate but the aromatic precision behind this is staggering. It gains significantly from airing, as it develops beautifully pure scents of spices and herbs. This is a potentially superb wine in the making if it can integrate harmoniously all the lees elements still floating around on the mid-palate at this stage. 2019-2029

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