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**2012 Weingut Wechsler Riesling
Schweisströpfchen**

Literally translated as "sweat droplets" the 2012 Riesling Schweisströpfchen is a stunning Spätlese style wine with a beautiful balance of perfect ripe and sweet Riesling à la JJ Prüm with the chalky minerality of the limestone soils of Westhofen. Pure and precise on the nose, this sweet, full-flavored wine is intense and piquant, while stimulating and salty with an alcohol volume of just 8%. Extremely lovely but, unfortunately, not 2013 but 2012, which means the wine is completely sold and, as I fear, drunk. A tragedy.

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**2013 Weingut Wechsler Benn
Riesling trocken**

The 2013 Benn Riesling comes from a well protected 6.5-hectare monopole site which is located at the bottom of well-known single-vineyard sites Kirchspiel and Brunnenhäuschen. From 45-year-old vines the Benn had never been better than 2013. It is a straw yellow colored Riesling with a brilliant and fragrant bouquet indicating ripe but not overripe fruit aromas and lovely mineral notes. This is really inviting and you won't be disappointed on the palate which is rich and juicy, very intense and shows lovely mineral character. There are some green, underripe berry flavors in the finish which gives this excellent Riesling cru a lonely kick and grip. Very juicy and salty aftertaste, firmly structured. A lovely wine indeed.

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**2013 Weingut Wechsler Kirchspiel
Riesling trocken**

The 2013 Kirchspiel Riesling was still closed when I tasted it end of August at a tasting of Rheinhessen wines in Mainz. Citrus colored, the wine showed a straight aromatic nose of ripe and dried apples along with some nutty flavors which guide to a juicy, medium-bodied wine with a surprisingly good and long finish where all the minerals of the Kirchspiel limestone rocks shine through. However, this is not the most dramatic 2013 Kirchspiel and surely not the best but it's worth a try.

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