

## 2008 Joh Jos Prüm offer

J.J. Prüm, founded by Johann Josef Prüm in 1911, has for many decades, been thought of as the **best producer of Riesling in the Mosel and possibly the world**. The main difference between Prüm and the rest of the Mosel lies in their vineyards. The estate owns 13.5ha of vines in total which are spread throughout some of the best vineyards in the Mosel. This is complemented by an older average age of the vines, 70% of which remain ungrafted. Low cropping, late harvesting and careful selection of berries at picking, means that only the best grapes make it into the winery, and wine making process involves as little intervention as possible to allow the final wines to reflect the vintage and terroir. Even the entry level Kabinett require at least a year or two in bottle to open up. From the best vintages you can expect the Spatlese and Auslese wines to last 20 or more years.

*“The 2008 vintage looks really exciting ... They are really so delicious and I have such a soft spot for the wines from Bernkastel even though the Wehlener Sonnenuhr are the wines raved about more often. The Bernkasteler Badstube wines just give such immediate pleasure and bring a smile to the face – just lovely.” Katharina Prüm.*

*“The Prüms compare 2008 with 2004 and as such consider it a classic Spatlese year, with thankfully with more wine in the Kabinett range that this estate has seen in many years. And if you remain unconvinced after tasting the present collection that residually sweet Kabinett Riesling is capable not only of reflecting the full potential of great Mosel vineyard sites but also capable of profundity and greatness per se, then you never will be.” David Schildknecht, Wine Advocate # 187, Feb 2010.*

The stock is due to arrive shortly but as always (unfortunately) quantities are very limited. The great news though is that with our strong dollar at the moment the wins have dropped in price substantially (over 25% in some case) compared to last year. Payment is due in full upon placing your order – order form on page 4.

## Tasting Notes

### 2008 Joh Jos Prüm Riesling Kabinett

Alc: 8.5 % by vol.

*“The Prüms’ generic 2008 Riesling Kabinett – based largely on fruit from Bernkastel, Graach, and Wehlen – offers vintage-typical scents of green tea along with apple blossom, honeysuckle, and diverse pit fruits. Delicate and luscious, its senses of wet stone and chew of fruit skin offer counterpoint to its sweetness, and it is sure to offer pleasure for more than a decade, the more so if one can wait a few years before opening.”*  
88/100 points. David Schildknecht, Wine Advocate # 187, Feb 2010.

### 2008 Joh Jos Prüm Bernkasteler Badstube Riesling Kabinett

The Bernkasteler Badstube vineyard borders on to the Graacher Himmelreich, upstream. Situated on the same slope as the latter and the Wehlener Sonnenuhr, and also having grey slate soil, the Bernkasteler Badstube is the most westwards facing and the less steep vineyard of the three mentioned. The consequence are wines that are slightly lighter, possess a higher acidity and more prominent minerality, while the fruit, floral or herbal aromas are less pronounced. Alc: 8.5 % by vol.

*“Extremely bright in aroma as well as palate impression, the Prüms’ 2008 Bernkasteler Badstube Riesling Kabinett is dominated by lemon and grapefruit, with village typical cherry and cassis manifesting themselves as an invigorating chew of fruit skin that is delightfully complimented by estate-typical impingement of CO<sub>2</sub>. Lush yet light, this finishes with not only blazing brightness but a cress-like pungency and strikingly intense salinity and suggestions of wet stone, making your palate stand to attention, wide awake! Plan on following it for a couple of decades, although, unlike many Joh. Jos. Prüm wines, I find it (and many of the estate’s 2008s) downright irresistible already.”*  
91/100 points. David Schildknecht, Wine Advocate # 187, Feb 2010.

### 2008 Joh Jos Prüm Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett

Alc: 8.0 % by vol.

*“The Prüm 2008 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett smells of green tea, fresh apple, honeysuckle, and acacia; offers boundless refreshment and gravity-defying buoyancy with pungent invigoration of citrus peel and apple skin; and finishes with its pure fruit and effusive, persistent inner-mouth floral perfume allied to saline, stony, smoke, iodine-like and remarkably savory manifestations of things mineral. It will reward 20-25 years of cellaring for the few who put that claim to the test – or who are already convinced by their past experience with Prüm Rieslings.”*  
91/100 points. David Schildknecht, Wine Advocate # 187, Feb 2010.

### 2008 Joh Jos Prüm Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett

\* Rated Best 2008 Kabinett by the Germany’s “Gault Millau”. Alc: 8.0 % by vol.

Joh Jos Prüm owns five hectares of the great Wehlener Sonnenuhr site which is made up of stony weathered grey slate. This is a perfect example of the Kabinett style. Stuart Pigott writes; “Joh Jos Prüm’s Sonnenuhrs are classic examples of the way

in which the best Mosel wine's natural sweetness magnifies, rather than obscures, their character. These are a perfect marriage of Riesling's peach-like, floral and mineral aspects. White wine cannot be fresher, more vivid and delightful." Pigott further notes; "Prüm's wines develop more slowly than other MSR Rieslings and the Spätlese need two to four years from vintage to begin giving their best. They can easily stand 20 or more year' ageing."

*"Succulent aromas of cherry, apple blossom and sweet herbs. Firm apricot pit fruit, but with a refreshing acid bounce framing the palate. The elegant finish features persistent slaty minerality. My candidate for the Kabinett of the vintage."*

92 Points, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, Jan/Feb 2010

*"Pungent suggestions of thyme and lavender join more typical apple blossom and heliotrope, apple and vanilla in the nose of the Job. Jos. Prüm 2008 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett. There is a bit of a veil of CO<sub>2</sub>, yeast, and sulfur shrouding the nose here – not at all uncommon in youthful Prüm wines, but little evidenced in this year's other Kabinett bottlings at the time I tasted them – however it detracts only slightly from the pleasure of the wine's aromatic complexity. The palate here suggests a near-weightless yet intense floral distillation underlain by vivid wet stone. A classic youthful example of Prüm Wehlener Sonnenuhr Kabinett, it will blossom short term as it emerges from its fermentative funk, not to mention over the next 20-25 years, though right now the corresponding Bernkasteler and Graacher are more refreshing and dynamic."*

90+/100 points. David Schildknecht, Wine Advocate # 187, Feb 2010.

### 2008 Joh Jos Prüm Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese

Alc: 8.0 % by vol.

*"Honeysuckle, heliotrope, narcissus, and buddleia lend a hauntingly bittersweet, musky bouquet with apple, almond, vanilla, nut oils, and nips of zesty citrus peel and bitter fruit pit – along with persistent inner-mouth florality – informing a multi-faceted, buoyant palate. Like the corresponding Bernkasteler and other of this vintage's best wines, this both soothes and refreshes, performing an enervating seduction whose finishing resonance will leave your tongue quivering. Bright acids and subtle impingement of CO<sub>2</sub> are unmistakably part of the magic here, but the more the wine warms up, the more its creaminess of texture as well as its nutty depth and stony mineral underpinnings are evidenced. Expect three decades of fascination and sheer sensual self-indulgence from this beauty."* Drink 2010 – 2040.

94/100 points. David Schildknecht, Wine Advocate # 187, Feb 2010.

### 2008 Joh Jos Prüm Bernkasteler Badstube Riesling Spätlese

Alc: 7.5 % by vol.

*"Lime, mint, and dark cherry village-typically dominate the Prüm 2008 Bernkasteler Badstube Riesling Spätlese, with impingements of orange zest, fresh ginger, and wet stone adding further interest on a palate that manages in 2008-specific fashion to both soothe and invigorate. This finishes with an intensity that goes beyond that of the corresponding Kabinett, yet preserves the same sense of uncanny buoyancy. Look for three decades of satisfying evolution here."* Drink 2010- 2040.

92/100 points. David Schildknecht, Wine Advocate # 187, Feb 2010.

### 2008 Joh Jos Prüm Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spätlese

Alc: 8.0 % by vol.

*"The Prüms' 2008 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spätlese is less obviously rich but even more remarkably delicate than the corresponding Zeltinger Sonnenuhr. Here too, we have creaminess of texture allied to refreshing brightness. Iris, buddleia, apple, and pineapple are tinged with enticing salinity, and one is drawn back infectiously for the next sip, as this wine's intrigue and understated charm work their magic. Over the next three decades, I predict that this will remain the most intimate and delicate of the vintage's Prüm Spätlesen."* Drink 2010-2040.

92/100 points. David Schildknecht, Wine Advocate # 187, Feb 2010.

### 2008 Joh Jos Prüm Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese

Alc: 7.5 % by vol.

*"The Prüm 2008 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Spätlese – as with the corresponding Kabinett – is aromatically more marked by the residues of fermentation than are its immediate siblings. Hints of mango, quince, and musk added to the more predictable apple, vanilla, and liquid floral perfume and lend this an exotic touch, while its mineral side is dominated by striking salinity that enhances the savory stimulation of a long finish as well as offering a fascinating foil to the wine's creaminess of texture and sheer ripeness. And while the nose needs to clear up here, the palate displays a remarkable sense of clarity to a wealth of flowers and spices. The wine seems to coat the palate while hovering above it, to seduce without touching. This should put on quite a show over the next 30 or more years."* Drink 2010-2040.

94/100 points. David Schildknecht, Wine Advocate # 187, Feb 2010.



### 2008 Joh Jos Prüm Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese

This is the vineyard that is most often compared with the Wehlener Sonnenhur these days. At J.J. Prüm the tasting is typically set up as a comparative tasting between the wines of this vineyard and those of the Wehlener Sonnenuhr. The Graacher is typically finer, more mineral, more citrus and it is often more open as a young wine. Alc: 7.5 % by vol.

*"The Prüm's 2008 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese is another of their wines this vintage to emphasize floral virtues, here buddleia and rowan, allied in the nose to quince, mint, and anise. Suggestions of salted caramel, malt, white raisin, and honey on the palate point toward the subtle presence of noble botrytis (most of which was picked out for gold capsule bottlings) with hints of citrus rind offering counterpoint. This has a*

*sappy intensity and mouth-filling presence that depart slightly from the extremely delicacy of the majority of wines in the present collection. No doubt it will be worth following for 30-40 years.*" 92/100 points. David Schildknecht, Wine Advocate # 187, Feb 2010.

### 2008 Joh Jos Prüm Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese

Note that no Goldkap was produced from this vineyard in 2008 so this wine contains all of the parcels of the finest wine that are typically bottled separately. Alc: 7.5 % by vol.

*"The sense of clarity in the Joh. Jos. Prüm 2008 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese extends also to an aromatic display unclouded by the sort of fermentative notes found in the corresponding Spätlese and Kabinett when I tasted those. Honeysuckle, heliotrope, distilled herbal essences, apple and quince practically explode from the glass, and lush marzipan, vanilla cream, quince preserves, and apple jelly as well as liquid floral essences inform a nevertheless refreshing palate. Savory saline as well as stony and somehow crystalline expressions of things mineral add counterpoint and complexity, and this finishes with extraordinary, saliva-inducing persistence. "The sort of further selection of botrytis grapes that we did this year in Graach," remarks Manfred Prüm, "would not have succeeded in Wehlen" where no further Auslese was essayed, and I would not be surprised if the inclusion in this wine of parcels whose fruit might more often have been destined for auction is part of what renders it so impressive."*

95/100 points. David Schildknecht, Wine Advocate # 187, Feb 2010.

### 2008 Joh Jos Prüm Himmelreich Riesling Auslese Goldkapsel



Goldkapsel indicates that the wine is made from later picked, higher must-weight and often botrytised berries, many of which are individually selected and handled. These extraordinary wines live and evolve for many decades. Alc: 7.0 % by vol.

*"The Prüm's' 2008 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese gold capsule represents a rigorous botrytis selection, as shows immediately in the more smoky pungency and caramel and white raisin overlay to its aromas of candied citrus rind, grilled pineapple, peach and quince preserves, and marzipan. The oily, viscous palate performance here is as gaudy and multi-layered as the nose suggests, although some of the fresh fruit vivacity that marked the corresponding non-auction cuvee is sacrificed. This will always be as much about sheer perfection of noble rot as it is about its site or vintage. Perhaps a few readers will have the rare good fortune to compare these two gold capsule Auslesen from the Himmelreich at 20, 30, and 40 year intervals."*

95/100 points. David Schildknecht, Wine Advocate # 187, Feb 2010.



Wehlener Sonnenuhr Vineyard and Sundial

**Joh Jos Prum 2008 Order Form**

	<b>retail</b>	<b>pre arrival</b>	<b>Qty</b>
2008 Riesling Kabinett 750ml	\$47	\$42	_____
2008 Bernkasteler Badstube Riesling Kabinett 750ml	\$55	\$49	_____
2008 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett 750ml	\$58	\$52	_____
2008 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spätlese 750ml	\$74	\$67	_____
2008 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese 750ml	\$87	\$78	_____
2008 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese Goldkapsel 750ml	\$200	\$179	_____
2008 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett 750ml	\$65	\$59	_____
2008 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese 375ml	\$54	\$49	_____
2008 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese 750ml	\$82	\$74	_____
2008 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese 375ml	\$61	\$55	_____
2008 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese 750ml	\$99	\$89	_____
2008 Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese 750ml	\$70	\$63	_____

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