

2009 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 Spätlese and Auslese wines to last 20 or more years.

“A remarkably cold winter with strong frosts in January down to minus 18° C (allowing a very late Eiswein to be harvested on Jan. 7) led to a rather late awakening of nature. But then, summerlike temperatures in April, around Easter, made for a growth spurt causing a budbreak by the mid of April, which in the long-term average was an advance of about two weeks. Cool nights in late April slowed down the explosive growth but the warm day temperatures and some rain helped to keep the advance in development. The growth speeded again in May which brought more summerlike days, causing flowering to start in early June. Then a cooler period followed, slowing the progression and terminating flowering. In retrospect, the flowering period was longer than usual. While June and July brought a good amount of rain, August was very dry and sunny, a real “summer” month. More sunny, dry days came in September, but temperatures were slightly lower then.

Despite a bit of rain in early October, this month brought above-average sunshine at moderate temperatures – an excellent (pre-)condition for harvest which started on October 15 and finished on November 13. In this period, the grapes had reached an excellent ripeness and very expressive aromas and flavours, while also a good acidity could be kept. The grapes harvested were predominantly of good Spätlese and Auslese quality, but there will also be a smaller amount of Kabinett produced. Additionally, some botrytis affected grapes could be selected suiting for the production of Goldkapsels, BA and even TBA. The yields were lower than in 2008, and the long-term average. In the week before Christmas, vintage 2009 was crowned with the possibility to harvest Eiswein.” Katharina Prüm

Tasting Notes

2009 Joh Jos Prüm Riesling Kabinett

Blended from across the Estate vineyards, the Estate Kabinett is a deliciously juicy and fresh introduction to the vintage, while each of the site-specific wines below reflects clearer vineyard resonance. Though not as intense as the single vineyard wines, this juicy, floral, delicate Kabinett is a wine of exceptional quality. It's very bright with complex interplay between stone fruit, citrus oil and spice. A yardstick, highly aromatic example of the Mosel and Riesling's ability to combine weightlessness with intensity and focus. 9% alc/vol.

“Incorporating fruit from Bernkastel, Graach, and the Wehlener Nonnenberg, the generic Prüm 2009 Riesling Kabinett is bright, light, spritzy, and brimming with fresh apple and white peach tinged by lime peel, apple pit, and the proverbial kiss of wet stone. I would plan on enjoying it over the next 6-8 years. Drink 2010-2018.” 88 Points. David Schildknecht, Rober Parker's Wine Advocate #192.

“A racy style, on the knife's edge, delivering grapefruit and gooseberry flavors, with a peppery element. The very crisp finish offers plenty of citrus notes. Best from 2012 through 2018.” 90 Points. Kim Marcus, Winespectator.com April 30, 2011.

2009 Joh Jos Prüm Bernkasteler Badstube Riesling Kabinett

The Bernkasteler Badstube slopes are on a marginally shallower gradient, with deeper soils than the Graacher and Wehlener. The western orientation allows the vines longer exposure to the afternoon sun. The resulting wines are in some places, referred to having rustic vigor in comparison to the elegant Sonnenuhr yet we see none of this in the wines of Prüm. Rather the Badstube typically produces a wonderfully floral, delicate and mineral wine here and 2009 is no exception. This is another mouth-watering Kabinett that combines lightness and focus, and showcases the vintages heightened minerality, along with a vibrant acidity. 9.5% alc/vol.

“The Prüms' 2009 Bernkasteler Badstube Riesling Kabinett is refreshingly and lusciously dominated by lime and grapefruit, dark cherry and blackcurrant. A judicious sense of sweetness allows for the penetration of invigorating, mouth-watering salinity in its finish, and tart notes of citrus zest and berry skin add to the sense of invigoration. Slight hints of fermentative afterbirth are inoffensive. I'd feel free to follow this delicate delight for at least 15 years.” 90 Points. David Schildknecht, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate # 192.

“Focused and pure-tasting, this displays a concentrated minerality up front, with well-spiced tangerine and mango flavors. White chocolate notes fill the long finish. Drink now through 2024.” 91 Points. Kim Marcus, Winespectator.com April 30, 2011.

2009 Joh Jos Prüm Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett

This is the vineyard that is most often compared with the Wehlener Sonnenuhr. At J.J. Prüm the tasting is typically set up to compare between the wines of this vineyard with those of the Wehlener Sonnenuhr. The Graacher, which has deeper soil, is

often more open as a young wine. This racy, delicate, classical Mosel is wonderfully alive and shows, despite its immaturity, a remarkable purity and focus. Stunning Kabinett with a long grapefruit and floral nose. 9% alc/vol.

“The Prüm 2009 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett features grapefruit and cassis with the bitterness of grapefruit rind as well as hints of stone and salt offering counterpoint. This displays marginally less juiciness (especially in its finish) or sense of lift than the corresponding Badstube or Sonnenuhr Kabinetts, but still refreshing, satisfyingly ripe, and well-balanced. Manfred Prüm opines that this is suffering more from bottling than most of his other young 2009s, pointing out that usually Himmelreich is earliest to recover. I would expect this wine to follow a strong track record and thrive for at least 12-15 years.” 88+ Points, David Schildknecht, Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate #192.

“Sinevy and lithe, with tightly packed flavors of peach, apricot and mango, which are accented by mineral, herbal notes. The racy finish packs plenty of punch. Drink now through 2024.” 91 Points. Kim Marcus, Winespectator.com April 30, 2011.

2009 Joh Jos Prüm Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett

The famous Wehlener Sonnenuhr vineyard has become intrinsically attached to the name of Joh. Jos. Prüm. The Estate owns five hectares of this majestic site, which has very thin top soil over the purest blue slate of any Mosel vineyard. This can be considered the Kabinett style, and the one by which all others are measured. 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.” The 2009 is ‘classic’ Wehlener Sonnenuhr; pungently mineral and complex with true presence and coiled acidity. 9% alc/vol.

“Alluring scents of honeysuckle and clover mingled with yeastiness; bittersweet notes of apple pip and skin, render the Prüm 2009 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett an invigorating treat. Very subtly creamy, it nevertheless puts its emphasis on refreshment and clarity of flavors, with stony mineral character and inner-mouth floral perfume clearly discernable through gossamer folds of fruit. This finishes with terrific persistence yet understatement. A particularly restrained sense of sweetness and efficacious acids suggest to me a wine that could be enjoyed more in its first 3-5 years than is usually the case with Prüm Rieslings. But it ought to keep well for at least 15 years.”

91 Points. David Schildknecht, Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate #192.

“Shows plenty of power, but remains light and crisp, offering focused flavors of mineral, peach, and ruby grapefruit. Finishes with white pepper and hints of savory herb. Very pure. Drink now through 2024.” 92 Points. Kim Marcus, Winespectator.com April 30, 2011.

2009 Joh Jos Prüm Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese

The Zeltinger Sonnenuhr vineyard borders the northern boundary of the Wehlener Sonnenuhr vineyard. In fact it is simply a continuation of this latter site. It has a large percentage of ungrafted vines and Prüm’s parcel, in close proximity to the river, makes it an excellent site for botrytis development. It is capable of producing equally remarkable and powerful wines as the Wehlener. Stephen Brook, in *The Wines of Germany* writes, “A more homogeneous site than the larger Wehlener Sonnenuhr. It lies lower than the latter, and benefits from its proximity to the river... The wines can be very elegant.” 8% alc/vol.

“Very ripe apple and pear; honeysuckle, gardenia, and heliotrope inform the nose of the Prüm 2009 Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese. Marzipan and hazelnut paste ally themselves to the luscious orchard fruit and liquid floral perfume in an effusive demonstration of palate generosity, reinforced by textural creaminess. Salt and wet stone add intrigue and saliva-inducing invigoration to a finish of impressive, irresistible length. This beautifully reflects the inherent complexity of its great site, and is going to be worth following for at least 25 years.”

93 Points. David Schildknecht, Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate #192.

2009 Joh Jos Prüm Bernkasteler Badstube Riesling Spätlese

As always, this is a tremendously refined and elegant Spätlese with delicate fruit aromas and flavours and a fine, fresh, mineral finish. 9% alc/vol.

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2000 Joh Jos Prüm Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese

From perhaps the greatest vineyard in the Mosel, this wine will need little introduction to lovers of Prüm wines. It is, in fact, the most famous of the Prüm vineyards and always exhibits a wickedly seductive, pulpy, stone fruit rich personality. The 2009 is a blinder, as always it is in fact an Auslese level in ripeness terms yet there is a wonderful balance between the richness and acid/mineral elements of the wine. 8% alc/vol.

"An almost confectionary sense of sweetness and ripeness pervades the Prüm 2009 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Spätlese, making it something of an exception in a vintage collection generally noteworthy for the restraint of residual sugar. Apple candy, caramel, and vanilla mingle on a creamy palate, with hints of salt, stone, and apple pit happily offering some counterpoint in a long and otherwise soothing finish. This showed more grip as it opened, and perhaps time will lend more cut and complexity to a Spätlese that on the basis of track record is likely to thrive for another quarter century or more. Incidentally, this represents the first of three lots of "regular" Wehlener Sonnenuhr Spätlese, the last of which was still in tank in September." 91 Points. David Schildknecht, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate* #192.

"A decadent style, with tropical fruit flavors of mango and guava that drip with plenty of butter and spice notes. A rich anise and glazed apricot strain runs through the aroma to the finish. Distinctive and powerful. Drink now through 2025."

94 Points. Kim Marcus, *Winespectator.com* April 30, 2011.

"Exotic bouquet of passion fruit and mango, lifted by fine floral nuances. The wine's luscious peach pit flavor and velvety texture are given shape and verve by a finely chiseled minerality. Dense yet airy, this Spätlese boasts great refinement and stunning length. One of the stars of the vintage."
93 Points. Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*.



2009 Joh Jos Prüm Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese

This resonant wine has everything we look for in an Auslese. It has a sublime intensity, great depth of exotic fruit, yet somehow remains feather-light and extremely bright and fresh. The vineyard's minerality is palpable while the balance is remarkable. 8% alc/vol.

"The Prüm 2009 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese mingles spiced apple, papaya, pink grapefruit, cassis, and white raisin in a lush, creamily-textured, pungently botrytis-tinged performance full-throated from nose through peacock's finishing flourish, and hard to beat for sheer diversity and audacity of fruit. If you're looking for nuance or for characteristics that might be described as in any sense "mineral," then perhaps in a dozen years you'll find them here, otherwise search elsewhere. But in reality this is a wine that deserves a long time in the cellar and is apt to retain and add to its present virtues over a 30 year period."

92 Points. David Schildknecht, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate* # 192.

"Vivid and pure-tasting, with a well-structured array of mineral, peach, citrus and savory spice notes that are tightly wound. Still, this is quite airy, especially on the impeccable finish of lime and nectarine. Best from 2015 through 2038."

95 Points. Kim Marcus, *Winespectator.com* April 30, 2011.

2009 Joh Jos Prüm Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese

Wonderfully intense and lifted aromatics of smoke, citrus peel, and small red fruits leads to a very tightly wound palate. In short, the palate starts baroque and finishes gothic. Highly complex and intense wine. In a word; remarkable. 7.5% alc/vol.

"A Prüm 2009 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese A.P. #12 offers an impressive combination of white raisin-studded apple jelly, mango, caramel, honey, and vanilla in a creamy textural context, with a remarkable, parallel, and somehow perfectly-integrated sense of fresh apple and pear juiciness that guarantees a finish of genuine refreshment, enhanced by near-weightless buoyancy. This is quite thrilling to savor even now, but deserves at least a dozen years' cellaring and is likely to perform well three decades or more hence."

92 Points. David Schildknecht, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate* # 193

"Pure, precise and fresh-tasting, with an intense clarity to the apple, pear and tangerine flavors that feature notes of slate and vanilla. The crystalline finish is long, pure and precise, with hints of smoke and anise. Best from 2014 through 2040."

96 Points. Kim Marcus, *Winespectator.com* April 30, 2011.



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. They can certainly work with appropriately matched desserts (fruit based).

2009 Joh Jos Prüm Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese Goldkapsel

This Auslese Goldkapsel was produced from individually selected grapes of the Graacher Himmelreich vineyard and combines high concentration, intense, almost exotic aromas and flavours with a luscious palate balanced by subtle acidity and fine minerality. A wine for the ages or to be served young with fruit based desserts. 7.5% alc/vol.

“The Prüm 2009 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese gold capsule – which is not an auction wine – is remarkably redolent of pure honey from its aroma; through its glazed, glycerin-rich, subtly oily palate impression; to a soothing, nearly ineradicable finish. Lemon and apple candy; vanilla cream; and creme de cassis all add to the confectionary richness on display here. Those with a decidedly sweet tooth will be more impressed with this than my score might otherwise predict. (For me, the 2008 is magic by comparison.) I’d forget this in the cellar for 20 years and anticipate 15-20 years active performing career after that.”

92 Points. David Schildknecht, Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate # 193.

“Concentrated peach, apricot and jellied citrus flavors are deep and rich, and this is intensely creamy midpalate, with plenty of anise-tinged smoke notes. The exotic finish of ripe pineapple is long and fruity. Best from 2013 through 2032.”

94 Points. Kim Marcus, Winespectator.com April 30, 2011.

2009 Joh Jos Prüm Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese Goldkapsel

A remarkable wine: rich and layered yet nonetheless wonderfully fresh and refined. The pinnacle of Mosel expression in a powerful year like 2009. 7.5% alc/vol.

“The Prüms’ 2009 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese gold capsule (A.P. #18 – like the corresponding Graacher Himmelreich) can be described as “confectionary,” but there most similarity ends. In this instance, the sheer sense of sweetness is much less overriding, and the prominent aromas and flavors are of malt, caramel, vanilla cream, hazelnut paste, and chestnut puree. The textural creaminess of this Auslese is sheer seduction and its sense of depth and layering – of mysterious darkness even – no less enticing. Yet at the same time, it (and indeed in 2009, it seems, wine from this site generally) retains a fresh fruit edge over its Himmelreich counterpart (whereas the converse was true in 2008) along with a mouth-watering sense of salinity. And so, we have a finish not just astonishingly persistent, but possessed of striking delicacy, enervation, and irresistible juiciness. I suspect this will merit following from 30-40 years. Drink 2010-2050.”

95 Points. David Schildknecht, Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate # 192.

“Explosively fruity, rich and opulent, with loads of baked peach, apricot and pear flavors that are overlaid with concentrated notes of apple butter and spice. The long finish is filled with toffee and cream. Best from 2014 through 2038.”

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Wehlener Sonnenuhr Vineyard and Sundial (picture taken out the front of JJ Prüm)

The stock is due to arrive shortly but as always (unfortunately) quantities are limited. The good news though is that once again our strong dollar has seen the wines drop by up to 10% compared to last year.
 Payment is due in full upon placing your order.

Please note: All wines are 750ml unless noted otherwise.

Joh Jos Prum 2009 Order Form

	retail	offer	qty	total
2009 Riesling Kabinett	\$43	\$37		
2009 Bernkasteler Badstube Riesling Kabinett	\$50	\$43		
2009 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett	\$53	\$45		
2009 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spätlese	\$69	\$59		
2009 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese	\$80	\$68		
2009 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese Goldkapsel	\$175	\$149		
2009 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett	\$60	\$51		
2009 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese <i>375ml</i>	\$49	\$42		
2009 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese	\$77	\$66		
2009 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese <i>375ml</i>	\$56	\$46		
2009 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese	\$90	\$77		
2009 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese <i>1500ml</i>	\$220	\$190		
2009 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese Goldkapsel <i>375ml</i>	\$105	\$90		
2009 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese Goldkapsel	\$190	\$162		
2009 Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese	\$65	\$56		
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