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German Superstars of today and tomorrow

SALWEY, Baden

Tasted at the estate. The Salwey estate has always been an absolute specialist in Pinot, be it Blanc, Gris or Noir. The style has changed somewhat in recent years, replacing an emphasis on power and opulence with greater elegance and structure. Compared with quite a few Pinot Gris from across the river in Alsace, the wines also show an admirable restraint in terms of residual sugar.

Salwey, Oberrotweiler Henkenberg Grauburgunder Grosses Gewächs 2013 .Baden

A white wine in name only when you look at the amazing bright hue of pink gin. Although the aromas of vanilla and mandarin are more on the seductive than overwhelming side, they nevertheless give a clear indication of barrique ageing. A delicate citrus fragrance adds a touch of fruit. I am not sure that there is such a thing as an eau-de-vie d'orange, but the Henkenberg Pinot Gris exhibits a powerful flavour of that fruit without being sweet. Its creamy texture and opulent body are well supported by a subtle almondy tang and very fine bitterness on the finish.

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Salwey, Oberrotweiler Eichberg Grauburgunder Grosses Gewächs 2013 Baden

The colour of pink gin with an orange glow illustrates that even the last rays of the autumn sun were harnessed into service to provide an extraordinary ripeness of grapes. Further confirmation comes from the sweet spiry fragrance which is supplemented by delicate aromas of honeydew melon and apple and almond tart. A rich and almost oily texture is thrown a lifeline by the tingling taste of zesty orange, fine bitter peel and roasted hazelnuts. There's certainly oak but also a delicate peaty notion reminiscent of a fine malt. I like happy endings! (MS)

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Salwey, Oberrotweiler Kirchberg Spätburgunder Grosses Gewächs 2013 Baden

Medium deep cherry colour with ruby rim. Blackberry fruit on the nose is accompanied by gentle notes of vanilla and cedar. On the palate fruits of the forest are well in tune with a subtle spicy element, the acidity of 2013 has been tastefully restrained, the tannins are firm but not pushy. I do not miss the power or substantial toasting of former years, structure and elegance more than make up for it. (MS) Drink 2015-2025

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Salwey, Oberrotweiler Henkenberg Spätburgunder Grosses Gewächs 2013 Baden

Cherry red of medium intensity with ruby reflexes. Plenty of fruit on the nose with a mix of blackberries, plums and cherries. Tannins and acidity appear quite restrained and leave centre stage to the flavour of ripe dark berry fruit. The role of oak has been tastefully moderated to contribute gentle notions of bitter chocolate and vanilla. Not exactly soft, but quite approachable already.

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