



# Mosel Fine Wines

"The Independent Review of Mosel Riesling"

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## Vintage Report 2016

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## Recommended Wines

### Weingut Agritushof – Alfred Kirchen

(Oberemmel – Saar)

<b>2016er</b>	<b>Agritushof</b>	<b>Riesling Spätlese Alte Reben</b>	<b>13 17</b>	<b>88</b>
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The 2016er Riesling Spätlese Alte Reben is a fruity-styled wine made from old vines in the Oberemmeler Altenberg. This hay-colored wine develops a juicy even if ripe nose of pear, cassis, grapefruit and gooseberry, all wrapped into quite some earthy spices and smoky slate. The wine is light-weighted and playful on the palate and leaves a nicely fruity feel in the smooth and satisfyingly direct finish. 2019-2026

<b>2015er</b>	<b>Agritushof</b>	<b>Riesling Spätlese Felskupp</b>	<b>09 16</b>	<b>87</b>
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The 2015er Riesling Spätlese Felskupp (the Prädikat is only indicated in small characters on the side of the label) is an off-dry wine coming from the Gewann Karlskopf, a privileged south-facing high-altitude sector of the Oberemmeler Karlsberg previously owned by the von Kesselstatt Estate. This golden-hay colored wine delivers an attractive and delicately fiery nose of grapefruit, ripe pear, earthy spices and dried herbs. It develops quite some presence on the delicately off-dry and silky palate and leaves a slightly broad but nicely satisfying feel of herbs in the powerful finish. 2019-2025

<b>2016er</b>	<b>Agritushof</b>	<b>Riesling Spätlese Karlskopf</b>	<b>14 17</b>	<b>87</b>
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The 2016er Riesling Spätlese Karlskopf (the Prädikat is only indicated in small characters on the side of the label) is an off-dry wine from the Gewann Karlskopf, a privileged south-facing high-altitude sector of the Oberemmeler Karlsberg which has recently been registered as *Katasterlage* (more on this subject in the Mosel Fine Wines Issue No 26 – Oct 2014). This hay-colored wine develops a rather backward and delicately fiery nose of greengage, gooseberry, earthy spices and herbs. The wine is nicely playful in a light and direct style on the palate and leaves a clean and delicately smooth and fruity feel in the long and powerful finish. Now-2026

<b>2015er</b>	<b>Agritushof</b>	<b>Riesling Rotschiefer</b>	<b>08 16</b>	<b>86</b>
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The 2015er Riesling Rotschiefer is a dry-tasting wine from parcels in the iron-rich south-facing sector of the Oberemmeler Karlsberg. This hay-colored wine delivers a ripe nose of grapefruit, pear, smoke and fine herbs. It is nicely playful and easy on the palate and leaves a pleasing feel of herbs and minerals as well as pear sorbet in the refreshing finish. This gains significantly from airing at this stage. The wine is therefore best left alone for two more years. 2019-2025

<b>2015er</b>	<b>Agritushof</b>	<b>Riesling Trocken PurSchiefer</b>	<b>14 16</b>	<b>85</b>
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The 2015er Riesling Trocken PurSchiefer comes from fully ripe fruit in the Oberemmeler Karlsberg. It was fermented with ambient yeasts and saw a prolonged aging on its lees. This offers a delicately ripe and already rather closed nose of pear, herbs and almond from reduction. The fruity side of this comparatively powerful wine comes through on the palate at this stage and remains right into the suave and intense finish. A hint of soft sweetness adds roundness to the after-taste. This is best left alone for a few years. 2019-2025



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<b>2016er</b>	<b>Agritiushof</b>	<b>Riesling Trocken Grauschiefer</b>	<b>11 17</b>	<b>84</b>
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The 2016er Riesling Trocken Grauschiefer comes from Estate holdings in the Oberemmeler Karlsberg. This hay-colored wine offers a rather discreet nose of ripe poached pear, wet stones, fine spices and aniseed herbs. The wine is comparatively fruity and delicately soft on the palate and leaves a clean and nicely salty feel in the slightly powerful finish. Now-2020

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