

## New Releases: Germany / Italy

**Riesling Spätlese Gold Cap Rheingau Rottland 2007 \$59** Offers a high and apricot flavors, with a tangy mineral note emerges as this plays out on the palate overall, with a mouthwatering finish. Best from 2022.—B.S.

**Annberg Riesling Spätlese Rottland 2007 \$57** A broad, rich style, with the impression of lower acidity than most, with a hint of apricot and spiced pear rings with freshness. Drink now through 2024.—B.S.

**Höbner Riesling Spätlese Rottland 2007 \$25** This exudes peach, honeydew and apricot, all wrapped around a tight structure to integrate. Best from 2011 through 2024.—B.S.

**Riesling Spätlese Rheingau Rottland 2007 \$31** A light and focused flavors of pear, quince and a lively mineral streak. This is bright and fruity, with a nice mouthwatering finish. Best from 2024.—B.S.

**Annberg Riesling Spätlese Rheingau Rottland 2007 \$25** Sweet and succulent, featuring peach, mineral notes backed by a light and juicy. Drink now through 2028.—B.S.

**Riesling Spätlese Rheingau Rottland 2007 \$25** Soft and juicy, grapefruit and spice flavors and a lively structure. The structure is more apparent over time. Best from 2010 through 2024.—B.S.

**95 Corte Pavone Brunello di Montalcino 2004 \$70** Beautiful aromas of plum, blackberry and chocolate, with hints of spices. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, caressing finish. Long, rich and refined. Classy. Best from 2011 through 2016. 3,300 cases made.—J.S.

**95 Marchesi de' Frescobaldi Brunello di Montalcino Castelgiocondo 2004 \$65** Shows a complex nose of blackberry, tanned leather, sandalwood and cedar. Fascinating. Full-bodied, with supersilky tannins and a long, long finish. Concentrated yet balanced. Beautiful and complete. Best after 2011. 17,000 cases made.—J.S.

**95 Siro Pacenti Brunello di Montalcino 2004 \$90** Perfumed with rose and ripe cherry. Full-bodied, with bright acidity and clean, mineral, floral and berry character on the palate. Tight and firm, but shows wonderful promise. This is chewy and develops in the glass. Best from 2011 through 2017. 3,400 cases made.—J.S.

**95 Valdicava Brunello di Montalcino 2004 \$119** Displays complex aromas of blackberry and cherry, with a hint of licorice. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a delicious finish of wonderful yet subtle fruit. Well-integrated and beautiful. Everything is in the right place. Best after 2011. 5,000 cases made.—J.S.

**93 Fattoria del Barbi Brunello di Montalcino 2004 \$45** Dark cherry and raspberry aromas follow through to a full body, with loads of chewy tannins and rich fruit. The fruit concentration is impressive, yet this is balanced and in form. Best after 2010. 17,000 cases made.—J.S.

**93 Fattoria La Lecciaia Brunello di Montalcino 2004 \$40** Plush aromas of black cherry and blackberry. Full-bodied, with soft, silky tannins and a long, delicious finish. There's fresh acidity and lots of subtle flavor

on the finish. Still needs a little time to open. Best after 2010. 7,000 cases made.—J.S.

**92 Campogiovanni Brunello di Montalcino 2004 \$53** Blackberry, black cherry and floral aromas lead to a full body, with fine, silky tannins and beautiful fruit. Dense and layered. Tight and interesting. More to seduce you as this develops in the bottle. Best after 2010. 7,000 cases made.—J.S.

**92 La Colombina Brunello di Montalcino 2004 \$45** Very aromatic, showing orange peel and plum, with hints of prune. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, rich finish. This is really rich in the end, with loads of attractive, ripe fruit. Best after 2012. 1,000 cases made.—J.S.

**91 Mocali Brunello di Montalcino 2004 \$45** Offers currant, berries and flowers on the nose. Full-bodied, with lots of burnt fruit and raisin flavors. Ripe and rustic. Best after 2010. 2,500 cases made.—J.S.

## ITALY Veneto

**95 Zyme Veneto Harlequin 2003 \$395** An enticing, enveloping nose offers prune juice, cinnamon and nutmeg, with citrus peel and vanilla bean notes. Full-bodied, with juicy fruit and red licorice coating the fine, firm tannins. Finishes long, with a fresh, spicy aftertaste. An exotic Veneto red using more than a dozen local and international grape varieties, both red and white. Best after 2010. 250 cases made.—J.C.