

## TERRY THEISE SELECTIONS - AUSTRIA

Tasted June 2013 – New York

### Nigl, Kremstal

#### **Gruner Veltliner Freiheit 2012 \*\*\*+**

*Very clean, low-toned, very subtle stone fruit. Beautiful clarity and purity though very youthfully restrained. Delicate, polished finish. As usual, one of the finest values at this level.*

#### **Gruner Veltliner Senftenberger Piri 2012 \*\*\*(\*)**

*Ultra-clean, strikingly pure with a pronounced, young scent of pear and apple. Pure, linear palate impression offering superb length and promising nuance. Very young and beautiful.*

#### **Gruner Veltliner Alte Reben 2012 \*\*\*\*(+)**

*Ultra-clean and largely reserved with hints of apple skin and star fruit. Noble purity in the taste, displaying wonderful intensity. Gains in volume. So early in its life. Gorgeous, explosive finish suggests what is to come.*

#### **Gruner Veltliner Rehberger Zwetl 2012 \*\*\*\*(\*)**

*Perfectly clean, held back. Phenomenal purity, primary stone fruits and flower with brilliant expression and early complexity. Inviting ripe, fat texture along with remarkably fine, hidden acidity. Sensual, suggestion of exciting complexity in the finish despite its stage. Totally different profile than Alte Reben.*

#### **Gruner Veltliner “Privat” Senftenberger Pellingen 2012 \*\*\*\*(\*)!**

*Ultra-clean, fabulous purity. Restrained, creamy and youthfully intense with a complex amalgam of stone fruits. The taste exhibits an otherworldly feel with extraordinary clarity and noble purity. Finishes with a balancing act of ethereal delicacy and underlying richness. Exquisite.*

#### **Riesling Dornleiten 2012 \*\*\*(\*)**

*So completely clean as with the others. The nose shows restraint and is focused and intense. Very subtle accents of apple orchard at flowering. The palate is*

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*caressing from entry. Beautiful clarity, transparency. Very persistent, sensual sensation in the finale with masked ripe acidity.*

### **Riesling Senftenberger Piri 2012 \*\*\*\*(+)**

*Intense youthful aroma revealing inflections of apple, stone fruit and white peach. Gorgeously pure, polished and already exceptionally long. Possesses remarkable complexity for a young wine with varied fruit highlights.*

### **Riesling "Privat" Senftenberger Pellingner 2012 \*\*\*\*(\*)**

*The nose exhibits both considerable reserve and innate intensity dominated by lifted apple flesh. The palate is multidimensional if undeveloped, delivering explosive aromatics with stony, white fruit accents. The finish shows length and restraint with a sense of tension and submerged, fine acidity.*

### **Bründlmayer, Kamptal**

#### **Gruner Veltliner Kamtaler Terrassen 2012 \*\*\*(+)**

*Aromatically held back with very fine inflections of cool white fruits. On the palate, there is noteworthy purity and equilibrium along with surprising length. Very young and will develop. A convincing wine at its price.*

#### **Gruner Veltliner Spiegel 2012 \*\*\*(\*)**

*Still primary but shows depth and concentration with a suggestion of white fruits. The taste is similarly very young though pure and quite rich, finishing with persistent sweet white fruit notes.*

#### **Gruner Veltliner Alte Reben 2007 \*\*\*\*+**

*Very clean, understated nose revealing very slight development (blanched nut and biscuit accents). The wine possesses a beautiful mouth-coating quality which lingers for some time. Understated, classy and remarkably intense finale.*

#### **Riesling Zobinger Heiligenstein 2012 \*\*\*\*(+)**

*Very clean, still primary aroma of white fruit and apple skin offering very good concentration. In the mouth, the wine is reserved at first, then reveals its concentration. Notable clarity and a sense of weightlessness. Subtly inflected, youthful finish.*

**Riesling Zobinger Heiligenstein Alte Reben 2011 \*\*\*\*(\*)**

*Ultra-clean, pure nose displaying cream and apple along with beautiful purity and reserve. Exceptionally polished feel on the palate. Harmonious and impressively long with enticing aromatic complexity and finesse.*

**Schloss Gobelsburg, Kamptal**

**Gruner Veltliner Steinsetz 2012 \*\*\*(\*)**

*Impeccably clean, pure aroma with excellent concentration and primary white fruits. Very pure taste with tremendous expansiveness and lift for a young wine. Very lovely and not expensive for its quality.*

**Gruner Veltliner Renner 2012 \*\*\*\*(+)**

*Very clean, strikingly pure and notably rich primary nose with varied white and yellow fruit accents. Fabulous composition and intensity on the palate. Possesses volume without heaviness. Impressive and complete.*

**Gruner Veltliner Tradition 2011 \*\*\*(\*)**

*Subdued aroma, faintly toasty and apple-scented. The taste displays considerable richness and texture with a sweet undertone, but is held back in its flavor expression. Needs more time to show.*

**Riesling Gaisberg 2012 \*\*\*(\*)**

*Lovely, clean nose showing extremely finely nuanced white fruits and a flowery fragrance. The palate is very young and undeveloped yet possesses noteworthy concentration. Ends with surprisingly explosive aromatics and a fine acid spine.*

**Riesling Heiligenstein 2012 \*\*\*\*(\*)!**

*Ultra-clean and intense primary aroma, particularly focused with exceptionally fine inflections. Stunning clarity and nascent expressiveness on the palate along with an undertone of sweet white fruits. Perfumed, flowery finale. Exquisite harmony overall.*

**Riesling Tradition 2011 \*\*\*\*(+)**

*Particularly withdrawn to the nose with faint notes of apple and other white fruits. Richly textured palate with a ripe, sweet undertone which lasts and coats the*

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*tongue. There is tremendous innate substance but the wine demands keeping to deliver its full potential.*

### **Nikolaihof, Wachau**

#### **Gruner Veltliner Hefeabzug 2012 \*\*\***

*Clean aroma offering apple skin and spice. The taste shows high-toned characteristics, a light feeling, and a distinctive expression.*

#### **Gruner Veltliner Im Weingebirge Federspiel 2012 \*\*\*(\*)**

*Very clean, very youthful nose offering intriguing accents of quince, yellow peach and dried spice. Transparent with notable lift and early nuance. Budding, subtle and undeveloped aftertaste indicating solid promise.*

#### **Gruner Veltliner Im Weingebirge Smaragd 2011 \*\*\*\*(\*)**

*Attractively clean though largely reserved aroma suggesting white fruits and sweet notes with noteworthy underlying richness. The taste exhibits beautiful presence and dimension along with richness and harmony. Very long, inflected, still youthful finish. This wine possesses controlled strength and budding complexity.*

#### **Riesling Vom Stein Federspiel 2012 \*\*\*(\*)**

*Very clean, young and restrained nose showing white fruits and a cool tone. The palate is polished and quite intense, and intensifies. The finish is already particularly long and subtly complex.*

#### **Riesling Vom Stein Smaragd 2010 \*\*\*\*(\*)**

*Striking aroma, still very youthful and held back, but ultra-pure and clean. The palate offers gorgeous focus and persistence. There is remarkable strength with an intense finale. A Riesling with a great deal of potential still in an early phase of its life.*

#### **Riesling Steiner Hund Reserve 2009 \*\*\*\*(\*)**

*The nose displays inherent intensity and concentration, but is largely held back and undeveloped. There is a sense of terrific dimension in the mouth even though the wine remains young and is just beginning to show its qualities. Very pure, persistent aftertaste with subtle flavors lingering for a long time.*