

Keller, Florsheim-Dalsheim

Klaus Peter Keller has taken this estate to new heights. The 07 vintage is a perfect example of his talent. The estate took full advantage of the potential Mother Nature provided, resulting five dry Rieslings that are better than almost anything I have tasted here before. Not only that, but Keller is also one of the few estates outside the Mosel, Rheingau and Nahe that has excelled in 2007 with Spatlese, Auslese and Trockenbeerenauslese as well.

[2007 Weingut Keller Westhofener Kirchspiel Riesling Trocken Grosses Gewachs](#)

Delicate aromas of apricot, toasted pine nuts and lemon oil. The wine's silky texture and filigree pineapple flavor are nicely framed by an understated acidity. A persistent spiciness lingers on the finish. A very seductive wine, and the most elegant of Keller's dry rieslings.

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[2007 Weingut Keller Dalsheimer Hubacker Riesling Trocken Grosses Gewachs](#)

Bright aromas of white peach, sweet lime and persimmon. The crisp, clean structure of this wine masks its intense, spicy weight and ethereal apricot fruit. A fine, smoky minerality draws out the very long finish. This is the most approachable of Keller's dry rieslings.

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[2007 Weingut Keller Riesling Trocken G-Max](#)

Expansive aromas of musky peach, clove oil and passion fruit. The explosive pit fruit flavor are tightly packed, thanks to an almost perfect acid structure that intrigues, charms and then refreshes the palate. The complex finish is long and thought-provokingly complex. One of my top three dry rieslings of the vintage.

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[2007 Weingut Keller Westhofener Morstein Riesling Trocken Grosses Gewachs](#)

Opulent aromas of ripe apricot, dried herbs and smoke. The velvety texture and expansive ripe peach flavor are held in balance by a discreet acid structure that will allow the wine to evolve positively in bottle. Smoked almonds and a persistent saltiness linger on the finish. With its unctuous richness, excellent depth and finely spiced character, this is again one of the finest dry rieslings of the vintage.

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[2007 Weingut Keller Westhofener Brunnenhauschen Abtserde Riesling Trocken Grosses Gewachs](#)

Tantalizing aromas of mandarin orange, nectarine and lemon oil. The exuberant peach fruit and textural richness are driven by a salty minerality that lingers for ages on the finish. With its perfect clarity and superb intensity, this is like drinking pure water from a mountain stream. My candidate for the best dry riesling of the vintage.

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2007 Weingut Keller Dalsheimer Hubacker Riesling Spatlese Gold Capsule

Pale gold. Elegant aromas of yellow plum, quince and acacia honey, plus a hint of brown spice botrytis. The succulent tropical fruits and bright acidity remain fresh and light on the palate, so that the weight is not at first apparent. Elegant, crisp and uplifting on the finish. Offers excellent potential.

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2007 Weingut Keller Westhofener Brunnenhauschen Abtserde Riesling Spatlese

Pale gold. Rich aromas of quince, plum, pine nuts and lemon oil, along with a touch of honeyed botrytis. The soft, creamy papaya fruit is framed by just enough vibrant spice. Finishes with grip and true distinction.

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2007 Weingut Keller Westhofener Kirchspiel Riesling Auslese***

Golden yellow. Subtle aromas of candied pineapple, toasted pine nuts and acacia blossom. The sweet, weighty fruit flows creamily over the palate. Finely spiced and long on the finish. Very appealing, but not quite as serious as the other auslese bottlings.

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2007 Weingut Keller Dalsheimer Hubacker Riesling Auslese***

Rich golden yellow. Fruit-driven aromas of passion fruit, pineapple and sweet lime. The lush, sweet fruit is at first almost overwhelming, but a bright spiciness lightens and cleanses the palate. Finishes sweet and long, and not at all cloying. A very pure auslese with excellent potential.

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2007 Weingut Keller Westhofener Brunnenhauschen Abtserde Riesling Auslese Gold Capsule

Rich golden yellow. Ripe white peach, toasted almond and lavender aromas are intricately interwoven with brown-spice botrytis on the nose. Unctuous and velvety, the wine swaggers like nectar across the palate. The concentration, spice and brilliant acidity persist for ages on the finish.

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2007 Weingut Keller Westhofener Morstein Riesling Auslese Gold Capsule

Rich golden yellow. Stunning aromas of yellow plum, vanilla and cinnamon shine through the honeyed botrytis. The lavishly sweet, weighty fruit offers enormous depth, but is nicely framed and lifted by a vibrant, elegant play of acidity. A classical style with a succulent, unending finish, this is one of the great ausleses of the vintage.

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2007 Weingut Keller Dalsheimer Hubacker Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese Gold Capsule (half bottle)

Golden color. The exotic fruit mix of mango, papaya and lichee on the nose hovers over the honeyed botrytis. Compellingly sweet, concentrated papaya flavor is lightened by smoky accents and the elegantly bitter expression of the botrytis. The riveting depth of spice makes for a fascinating and very long finish. A great effort!

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2006 Weingut Keller Westhofener Brunnenhauschen Abtserde Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese Gold Capsule (half bottle)

Rich golden robe. Brilliant aromas of pineapple, grapefruit and passion fruit on a bed of pure, brown spice botrytis. In spite of its extremely dense texture, this wine is all about elegance and literally dances across the palate. An exquisite balance of creamy fruit, smoky spices and honeyed botrytis linger for ages on the finish. A nearly perfect trockenbeerenauslese, this is one of the superstars of the vintage.

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