

Wine Notes – 29 April 2026

Wines Tasting at Trinkfluss, Godalming

Bastian at Trinkfluss provided a tasting of German & Austrian wines from lesser-known, smaller volume producers.

1. Lena Macht Sekt, Blanc de Noirs Extra Brut 2022

Stats:

Price	£34.00
Alcohol	12.5%
Stockist	Trinkfluss Godalming
Grape	95% Pinot Noir, 5% Pinot Meunier (Schwarzriesling)
Country	Rheinhessen, Germany



Notes:

This is a wine with real charm, the kind that wins everyone over, from the casual bubble fan to the die-hard Champagne lover. If you've ever wanted a glimpse of what German sparkling wine is all about and why it's currently making waves, here's your chance.

Red berry fruit, orange peel and brioche leap from the glass and captivate from the very first sip. There's an effortless elegance here, pure poise.

The only downside? Availability. Just 3,785 bottles of the 2021 vintage were made, making this wine even more special, if that's even possible.

And for the wine geeks: 95% Pinot Noir (Spatburgunder) and 5% Pinot Meunier (Schwarzriesling), spontaneous fermentation, dosage of 3 g/l, 60% aged in oak, disgorged in February 2025.

2. Julian Haart, Mosel Riesling 2023

Stats:

Price	£29.00
Alcohol	11%
Stockist	Trinkfluss Godalming
Grape	Riesling
Country	Mosel, Germany



Notes:

Fruit comes essentially from the Piesporter Goldtropfchen in addition to grapes from the Wintricher Ohligsberg and Piesporter Gunterslay, and was fermented down to a barely off-dry level. The vines in the vineyards are a mix of young and old with up to 60 years old. This isn't your run of the mill Mosel Riesling, far from it- this 2023 Mosel Riesling by Julian Haart is electrically charged, sculpted and achingly pure. Part old barrels (60%), part stainless steel with just a touch of malolactic to soften. Julian really knows how to strike the perfect balance.

Imagine crushed stones, fresh lemon, green apple and then that tingle of citrus acidity that grabs your attention and doesn't let go. It's brisk and precise but with a real warmth at its core. This is true craftsmanship with bold clarity and vision.

3. Philip Lardot, Der Graf Riesling 2021

Stats:

Price	£33.00
Alcohol	11.5%
Stockist	Trinkfluss Godalming
Grape	Riesling
Country	Piesporter, Germany



Notes:

Der Graf, meaning "The Count," is a Riesling from the renown Falkenberg vineyard sites. These vineyards are both east and south-facing, with an average vine age of about 40 years. The name "Der Graf" comes directly from the official name of one of the vineyard sites.

In the cellar, all fermentations are natural, and Philip does not block malolactic fermentation, which is somewhat unique in the Mosel region. Another distinctive feature is the extended élevage: fermentation in barrel on full lees with 12 months aging in tonneau, followed by an additional 6 months in stainless steel tanks before being bottled after 18 months. The final wine is unfiltered.

The result is a deeply complex, multi-layered, rich, and textural wine with notes of orchard fruit, crushed slate rock minerality, and the powerful pull of a Shire horse.

4. Weingut Zahel, Ried Goldberg Laaerberg Gruner Veltliner Alte Reben 2022

Stats:

Price	£28.50
Alcohol	13%
Stockist	Trinkfluss Godalming
Grape	Gruener Veltliner
Country	Austria



Notes:

This single vineyard Grüner Veltliner from the Ried Goldberg Laaerberg showcases Zahel's ambitious Burgundian-inflected though idiosyncratically Austrian style. This is seriously grown up Grüner Veltliner (from old vines, some 65 years old) with stunning complexity and nuance, and the vineyard's black earth soil with calcerous loess and glacial gravel dating from the ice age with a high iron content contribute a delicate minerality that makes this wine unique. Aged in used Stockinger barrels (proudly Austrian-made, the Ferraris of barrels), this is an intense and complex wine, with ripe apple and tropical fruit, very linear acidity and a long, satisfying finish, that will stand up beautifully to more powerful dishes including rich seafood, roast pork and blue cheese.

5. Daniel Fries, Pinot Noir 'Vom Schiefer' 2023

Stats:

Price	£25.00
Alcohol	12.5%
Stockist	Trinkfluss Godalming
Grape	Pinot Noir
Country	Germany



Notes:

Daniel's Pinot Noir grows on the slate soils surrounding the iconic village of Winningen, resulting in a silky, fine-boned wine with gorgeous notes of blackcurrant, cedar, and a hint of wild herbs. Hand harvested and gravity fed into open oak vats, it undergoes wild fermentation (with indigenous vineyard yeasts), with daily punch-downs by hand there is definitely no need for the gym after work with a few of these. After natural fermentation, it spends 16 months in barriques before being bottled unfiltered and unadorned — pure, honest Mosel Pinot at its best.

6. Moric, Blaufränkisch Burgenland 2023

Stats:

Price	£30.00
Alcohol	13%
Stockist	Trinkfluss Godalming
Grape	Blaufränkisch
Country	Germany



Notes:

Moric's flagship Blaufränkisch comes from a selection of vineyards in Neckenmarkt, Lutzmannsdorf and Zagersdorf, from vines that are up to 50 years old. This is a fantastic expression of what Moric has become so world-famous for: clear, pure, transparent Blaufränkisch. The 2023 is beautifully expressive with vibrant juicy fruit, hints of spice and elegant minerality, and can be enjoyed young thanks to its vibrancy and silky smooth tannins, but can also easily age for a few more years. A fantastic introduction to this icon estate and Roland Velich's world renowned Blaufränkisch wines.

Wine Votes of the Evening

The most popular wine of the evening was the Philip Lardot, Der Graf Riesling 2021.