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2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Gewurztraminer Furstentum Vieilles Vignes

Pale golden-yellow. Varietally expressive aromas of overripe peach, smoky cured meats and clove. Fat, silky and wonderfully fine-grained, with lovely ripe acidity giving lift to this magically smooth wine. Very fresh on the back end but without a trace of phenolic bitterness. This offers a similar balance to the old-vines Wineck-Schlossberg but is more expressive and suave in the early going, benefiting from lovely calcaire energy. Another utterly compelling 2007 gewurztraminer.

94

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2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Gewurztraminer Kaefferkopf

(\$43) Bright gold-tinged straw. Musky, superripe aromas of pineapple syrup, honey, nutmeg and clove. Tightly wound, intensely spicy and firmly structured, with only moderate sweetness to its crunchy fruit flavors. Finishes firm-edged and strict, with a light tannic impression. Only about 15% botrytis here, noted Meyer. This will need patience. Gewurztraminer for the riesling lover.

89

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2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Gewurztraminer Reserve

(this includes fruit from vines Meyer is now renting in the Riquewihr area) Good pale yellow. Aromas of yellow plum and spices. A supersweet, ripe fruit bomb in the mouth, but with good precision to its creamy, spicy flavors despite an impression of lowish acidity. At once full and fresh, but showing limited complexity today. A tad edgy on the persistent finish. This was picked with potential alcohol of 16.3% and finished with about 40 grams of residual sugar.

88

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2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Gewurztraminer Sporen

(Meyer's first vintage from a new parcel of degenerating 23- and 35-year-old vines that produced a tiny crop in 2007) Bright yellow. Explosive aromas of passion fruit, fresh apricot, cured meat, lichee and spices. Quite scented and fine in the mouth, with penetrating, racy acidity giving this wine amazing precision and cut. Wonderfully dense, clean and spicy gewurztraminer with great verve and innermouth perfume; like an essence of the grape. The rising, palate-staining finish offers terrific lift. With aeration, this VT-weight wine (13.1% alcohol with 55 g/l r.s.) really shut down in the glass, suggesting it will need several years of aging. A knockout. These vines were picked on October 23, and the one-third portion rich in botrytis was reserved to make an SGN.

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2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Gewurztraminer Sporen Selection de Grains Nobles

Bright gold. Pure, tangy, botrytis-rich aromas of apricot, peach syrup, orange, honey, cured meats and spices, all lifted by a note of lily. A glyceral, honeyed liqueur of gewurztraminer in the mouth, with wonderfully fresh, concentrated, palate-staining flavors of game, fruit salad and spices. At once lush and almost painfully intense. This has 180 grams of residual sugar yet finishes with a distinctly firm edge, saturating every millimeter of the palate.

95

Out of stock.

2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Gewurztraminer Wineck-Schlossberg

(\$45) Bright, full yellow. Sexy yellow fruits, honey, cured meat, bergamot and clove on the nose. Fat and silky on entry, then broader and riper than the Sporen but without that wine's cut or acidity. This is from early-picked fruit in a sundrenched site, and is a classically spicy, granitic expression of the variety, with an almost roasted VT aspect. I suspect that many tasters would describe this as more typical gewurztraminer than the Sporen. Finishes with terrific spicy lift.

93

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2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Gewurztraminer Wineck-Schlossberg Vieilles Vignes

Bright golden-yellow. Carnal, gamey yet very fresh aromas of pineapple, cinnamon and Asian spices. Supersweet and powerful but still tightly wound, with concentrated acidity not yet in perfect harmony with the wine's sweetness. Conveys an impression of tension, but this is much less expressive today than the regular Wineck-Schlossberg, which includes a portion of 15-year-old vines. A rather powerful wine from old vines affected by millerandage This was bottled in May.

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2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Muscat Vignoble de Katzenthal

Good pale color. Fresh, perfumed aromas of spring flowers, lime and peppermint oil. Juicy and dry, with excellent cut and a light touch. A delicate but concentrated and penetrating wine that really needs a year in bottle to express itself. Production was tiny due to hail.

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2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Pinot Gris Dorfburg

(\$34) Pale straw-yellow. Reticent, pure, slightly raw aromas of yellow peach, pepper and ginger. Stony, peppery and moderately ripe, with good power and thrust but a distinctly herbal element. There's moderate residual sugar here, but the overall impression is of skins that could have been riper.

87

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2007 Domaine Meyer Fonne Pinot Gris Hinterburg de Katzenthal

Exotic stone fruits and mango complemented by flint and smoke and a whiff of marmaladey botrytis. Fat and sweet but not at all heavy, thanks to harmonious acids that energize the wine's fruit. This concentrated, very ripe, peachy fruit bomb

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boasts almost riesling-like energy, like many of my favorite pinot gris examples from this vintage. Meyer suggests serving this with foie gras or alongside a fresh fruit salad.

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