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2010 German Wines

2010 is a vintage of extremes. The wines are immensely concentrated, with record levels of ripeness and acidity, and there is a complete range, from dry to *Trockenbeerenauslese*. They are delightfully pure and full of energy, and the sweet ones have a beautifully seductive botrytis. This is all the more extraordinary since the growing season was one of the most difficult in recent memory, and right up to and through the middle of the harvest, growers feared disaster.

It was a season of stops and starts. A long cold winter meant late budbreak, but then warm weather hastened development. An unfortunate cold snap in June resulted in uneven flowering and poor pollination, and so yields were already set to be lower than average. Towards the end of June and throughout July a hot, dry period set in, and the vines responded with explosive growth. August and September were changeable, with cooler periods and showers. Botrytis began to appear in late September, causing concern for the health of the entire crop. Growers began to resign themselves to the end of the remarkable thirty year run of good to great vintages.

And then the appearance of the fabled ‘golden October’ turned things around. The weather was sunny and dry, but cool and windy, and the development of botrytis slowed down or even stopped. The grapes began to ripen quickly. As every schoolboy knows, botrytis drills tiny holes in the skins, and thus ripeness came as much from evaporation as from photosynthesis, giving grapes with very little juice. This meant very high extracts, but correspondingly reduced yields. Botrytis-affected grapes were picked first, the rest left on the vine to ripen to the perfection of golden yellow berries. Sugar and acid levels were very high, and growers began to get excited.

In an unusual turn of events, the cool weather, combined with evaporation, meant that acidity levels stayed constant as sugar levels rose. This gives the wines a vibrant character akin almost to Eiswein, a fascinating experience in a top *Auslese* or *Trockenbeerenauslese*. However, many growers deacidified musts destined for dry and *Kabinett* level wines to maintain balance. At the higher levels the sweetness was in perfect balance with the acidity.

The wines are quite extraordinary. They are extremely concentrated, pure and fine, with fresh ripe fruit and electrifying acidity. They are very rich, and those seeking ‘real’ *Kabinett* should look to another vintage; on the other hand, the *Kabinetts* are the cheapest *Auslesen* ever! The sweet wines are the most exciting I have ever tasted. The brisk acidity clearly delineates the exotic fruit, the delightful lemon flavours and the balanced minerality. The botrytis is beautifully clean and pure. They lack the easy charm of the

2009s, but will be approachable young, and have tremendous cellaring potential. If you have a child or grandchild born this year, they are very lucky.

2010 is a very small vintage, and wines were made in part in tiny quantities. As usual, we give priority for the most sought-after wines to customers who have supported us in the past and across the board.

The wines of Joh.Jos. Prüm, Keller's dry wines and some others will be released later in the year.

PRICES ARE IN BOND LONDON.

UNLESS OTHERWISE MARKED, WINES ARE PACKED:

6-BOTTLE CASES (750ml)

12-BOTTLE CASES (375ml)

3-bottle-caseS (1500ml)

UNLESS OTHERWISE MARKED, WINES ARE OFFERED BY THE CASE ONLY, BUT MANY CASES CAN BE SPLIT.

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THE WINES

Hermann Dönnhoff Oberhausen (Nahe)

This supremely reliable grower has produced another great set of crystal-clear wines. As ever, they are wonderful to drink young on the fruit, but the true complexity of their *terroir* is only begins to appear after some years of bottle age. *Due to low yields there are no large format bottles available.*

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Norheimer Dellchen Grosses Gewächs - DRY

2010	Vibrant and fresh, with clear ripe fruit and powerful mineral tones.		£154
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Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle Grosses Gewächs - DRY

2010	Nothing blushing about this: powerful ripe fruit, very rounded, with great depth and a long mineral finish.		£169
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Oberhäuser Leistenberg Kabinett

2010	Ripe lemon and with smooth pithy grapefruit flavours. Long, very juicy finish.		£65
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Kreuznacher Krötenpfuhl Spätlese

2010	Harmonious and polished, with soft peachy fruit backed by lemon and mineral zing.		£102
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Oberhäuser Brücke Spätlese

2010	Fine, generous and long, with ripe golden yellow fruit. Very fresh and beautifully balanced.		£140
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Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle Spätlese

2010	More power and less giving at this stage than the Brücke. Dense ripe very juicy lemon and peach fruit with a big hit of salty minerals on the long finish. Wait.		£160
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Oberhäuser Brücke Auslese Goldkapsel

2010	A fine botrytis gives added complexity to the ripe yellow fruit. Very intense and elegant, with layers of richness and a slightly hard minerality that will need time to integrate.		£255
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Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle Auslese Goldkapsel

2010	A more pronounced botrytis than the Brücke, with polished, very focussed fruit. Densely woven, smooth, and long.		£265
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Oberhäuser Brücke Eiswein

2010	Harvested on 25 th December, which made Helmut Dönnhoff slightly unpopular with his wife, but the upset is worth it. This is a soft <i>Eiswein</i> which does not flaunt its considerable power with aggressive acidity, but rather seduces with elegant and complex notes of lemon, yellow berries and passion fruit. Quite outstanding.	Halves (6-bottle case)	£625 Cases can be split
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Fritz Haag Brauneberg (Mosel)

One of the very best estates in Germany, with a lovely array of wines this year.

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Brauneberger Kabinett

2010	Smooth and rounded, with a delicate crispness and a clean finish.		£53
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Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Spätlese

2010	Ripe and round, with great intensity, zingy lemon fruit and a long slaty finish.		£78
		Magnums	£95

Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Auslese #6

2010	Rich and powerful yellow fruit, balanced by a fine minerality. The tensile strength characteristic of the vineyard comes through strongly.		£108
		Magnums each	£44

Brauneberger Juffer Auslese Goldkapsel #22

2010	Beautifully defined and very pure. A very clean botrytis mingles with ripe yellow and zingy citrus fruit flavours. Lively and elegant.	Halves	£156
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Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Auslese Goldkapsel #9

2010	An extra dimension from vines clustered around the sundial. Superb intensity, finesse and length combines with fantastic purity and elegance. Very seductive.		£189
		Halves	£195
		Magnums each	£69

Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Auslese Goldkapsel #12

2010	Immensely concentrated, but the botrytis give a silky character. Very pure, spicy and ripe, with an intense finish. Has a very long life ahead.		£212
		Halves	£218

Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Beerenauslese

2010	Big, pure and rich, but with a breathtaking lightness of touch. Beautiful.	Halves (6-bottle case)	POA Cases can be split
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Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Trockenbeerenauslese

2010	A gentle giant with great polish and elegance. The acidity of an <i>Eiswein</i> lifts the pure botrytis and gives an awesome clarity. Quite extraordinary.	Halves (6-bottle case)	POA Cases can be split
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Reinhold Haart Piesport (Mosel)

The Goldtröpfchen has colder, thicker slate soils than other great sites in the Mosel, and the wines are consequently richer. Johannes Haart was able to avoid deacidification of any of his wines, and they are as pure and exciting as ever. Great efforts were made to select out all botrytis-affected grapes, so it only evident in the *Auslese Goldkapsel*.

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Kabinett

2010	Delightfully fruity, zippy and fresh. Rich peach and citrus fruit melt into a creamy mineral finish.		£60
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Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Spätlese

2010	Sweet peach fruit balanced by beautifully integrated ripe lemony acidity. Rich juicy finish.		£84
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Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Auslese

2010	Sleek and rich, showing lemon and peach aromas with a hint of apricot and an elegant minerality. Very lovely indeed.		£138
		Halves	£144

Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Auslese Goldkapsel

2010	Very big and rich, with the <i>Eiswein</i> character typical of the vintage. Pure apricot flavours dominate here, giving way to an intense mineral-driven finish.		£258
		Halves	£264

Heymann-Löwenstein Winningen (Mosel)

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Von Blauen Schiefer - DRY

2010	Big and rich, displaying powerful mineral flavours balanced by juicy fruit.		£82
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Kirchberg 1. Lage - DRY

2010	Not tasted		£90
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Uhlen 'Laubach' 1. Lage - DRY

2010	Big, slaty and ripe, with focussed rich fruit and spice elements. Long powerful finish.		£166
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Uhlen 'Roth Lay' 1. Lage - DRY

2010	Very, very intense and powerful. Peach and rich mineral notes in a very concentrated package. The long yeast contact gives it considerable elegance, though it will need several years of cellaring to show its paces. Shipment Autumn 2012		£166
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Winninger Röttgen Auslese Goldkapsel

2010	Intense rich and ripe. Elegant pure sweet fruit backed by powerful mineral notes, and a lively acidity keeps it from becoming too broad.	Halves (6-bottle case)	£166
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Heymann-Löwenstein (contd.)

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Winninger Uhlen 'Roth Lay' Auslese Goldkapsel

2010	At least a <i>Beerenauslese</i> . Chock-full of botrytis that it wears lightly, showing pure yellow fruit flavours and complex mineral notes. Wonderfully balanced and long.	Halves (6-bottle case)	£204
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Johannishof Johannisberg (Rheingau)

Another lovely run of elegant, balanced wines from this reliable estate in Johannisberg.

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Johannisberger 'V' Kabinett

2010	Peachy roundness and harmony; gentle and enticing: a lovely Kabinett.		£42
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Johannisberg Klaus Spätlese

2010	Delicious exotic fruit: strawberry, cherry and blackcurrants alongside the more classic peach flavours. Lively and light on its feet; long harmonious finish.		£60
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Johannisberger Hölle Auslese

2010	Lemony golden yellow fruit, sweet and ripe, balanced by vibrant acidity and a creamy minerality. Pure long finish.		£157
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Karthäuserhof Eitelsbach (Ruwer)

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Karthäuserhofberg Grosses Gewächs - DRY

2010	Very balanced and juicy, with a fine interplay between peach and citrus fruit and a creamy minerality. Intense finish.		£126
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Eitelsbacher Karthäuserhofberg Kabinett

2010	Beautifully mineral and concentrated. The vibrant acidity magnifies the generous fruit. Well-balanced and long.		£57
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Eitelsbacher Karthäuserhofberg Spätlese

2010	Very butch: powerful mineral notes dominate on the attack, and a vibrant acidity carries the peach fruit through the finish. Extremely appealing.		£75
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Eitelsbacher Karthäuserhofberg Auslese

2010	A huge step up in intensity from the <i>Spätlese</i> . Some botrytis, but still dominated by an elegant minerality backed by peachy citrus fruit. Piercing fresh finish.		£90
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Eitelsbacher Karthäuserhofberg Auslese #26

2010	Botrytis very much to the fore, but of crystalline purity. Creamy mineral flavours and rich ripe fruit..		£168
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Karthäuserhof (contd.)

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Eitelsbacher Karthäuserhofberg Beerenauslese #20

2010	Fresh mint and notes of citrus and honey on the nose. Exotic dried fruit and smoky notes on the palate, finishing with a balanced elegant minerality.	3-bottle-case	£366
		Halves (6-bottle case)	£372

Eitelsbacher Karthäuserhofberg Trockenbeerenauslese #40

2010	Dates, heather honey and apricots in a superbly smooth package of astonishing intensity. Very fresh and mellow, elegant and long. Wow.	Halves (6-bottle case)	£600 Cases can be split
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Keller Flörsheim-Dalsheim (Rheinhessen)

So good, but so little of it. Another superb year across the board from Klaus-Peter Keller. Rather than deacidify musts, he decided to solve the problem of high acidity by waiting, resulting in an unusually late harvest, most of it in November. This meant that a great part of it was lost to evaporation, but quality was very high, and acidity balanced. The estate recently acquired the pick of vineyards from the estate of Franz-Karl Schmitt in Nierstein (famous and expensive wines, featured on the Titanic's wine list), and we are delighted to be able to offer them for the first time. **Single vineyard dry wines will be released later in the year.**

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Riesling von der Fels - DRY

2010	Made from young vines in the top sites of Kirchspiel and Hubacker. Rich, round and creamy, with an appealing juiciness in mid-palate and a long mineral finish.		£69
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Westhofen Kirchspiel Spätlese

2010	Delicate sweet/sour interplay of ripe golden yellow fruit and lemony acidity. Broad mineral flavours on the long finish.		£96
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Niesterer Pettenthal Spätlese

2010	Only 400 litres made. Pithy grapefruit nose, echoed by a salty minerality on the palate, and a lovely ripe yellow fruit sweetness of great purity and length.		£170
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Westhofen Brunnenhäuschen Abst. E. Spätlese

2010	Fantastic vibrancy, with lashings of fine citrus fruit. Some <i>coulure</i> in the vineyard gave small very sweet grapes, and these provide an intense extra dimension. Beautifully balanced long mineral finish.		£222
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Westhofener Morstein Auslese

2010	Pronounced botrytis of great purity adds texture to the exotic cornucopia of fruit: ripe yellow grapes, peach, lemon, grapefruit and passion fruit. Quite broad in mid-palate, but held in check by the vibrant acidity. One of the most exciting and complete wines tried this year.	Halves	£166
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Keller (contd.)

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Dalsheimer Hubacker Auslese***

2010	Clay soils give creamy intensity. Very vibrant and lemony, with rounded ripe yellow fruits and greengauges. Absolutely delicious: screams 'Drink Me Now!'	3-bottle-case	£192
		Halves (6-bottle case)	£195

Westhofen Brunnenhäuschen Abst. E. Auslese

2010	Pure, focussed and ripe, with great richness and a beautifully delineated minerality. Very intense, concentrated and long. A stunner.	3-bottle-case	£195
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Niesterer Pettenthal Beerenauslese

2010	Less than forty litres made, and between us, it's a TBA. Powerful apricot and mint tones on the nose, very sweet, creamy and vibrant in the mouth. Silky, clean and elegant finish.	Halves (6-bottle case)	£900 Cases can be split
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Westhofen Kirchspiel Trockenbeerenauslese

2010	Massive – record-breaking – extract. Herbs, principally mint, and apricots. Vibrant lemony acidity keeps it as elegant as a ballerina. Superb intensity and length. Clearly defined <i>terroir</i> even at this level of ripeness.	Halves (6-bottle case)	£864 Cases can be split
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Dalsheimer Hubacker Trockenbeerenauslese

2010	Very broad, creamy and sweet. A very pure seductive botrytis dominates proceedings, and there is enormous intensity and richness.	Halves (6-bottle case)	£942 Cases can be split
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Westhofen Brunnenhäuschen Abst. E. Trockenbeerenauslese

2010	One of the very last wines to be harvested, and incredibly concentrated as a result. Very elegant indeed, with pure, fine powerful fruit and a fantastically long finish.	Halves (6-bottle case)	£1572 Cases can be split
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Schloss Lieser Lieser (Mosel)

Thomas Haag produced some of the best 2011s that we tasted. This modest, almost shy man has the ability to tease out every nuance of *terroir* from his vineyards. The resulting wines have an energy that makes them stand out, and each has a crystalline purity. They are made in an uncompromising style, reductively, with wild yeasts, which make them less polished than some others immediately after bottling, but a year later they shine brilliantly. This is one of the top five estates in Germany, though its prices have not yet caught up with its reputation.

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Schloss Lieser Kabinett

2010	Well balanced zesty citrus fruit with a hint of slate. A superbly vibrant Kabinett.		£45
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Brauneberger Juffer Kabinett

2010	Very pure and zingy, with great intensity and lovely balance. Peach and floral notes complement the slaty citrus fruit.		£48
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Lieser Niederberg Helden Spätlese

2010	Very fine and balanced, with peach and earthy mineral flavours and a hint of red fruit. Bright racy acidity on the long finish. Beautiful.		£63
		Magnums	£81

Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Spätlese

2010	Typically finer than the Helden <i>Spätlese</i> , making up for less power with more charm. Very brisk this year, with ripe lemony fruit. Fine and long.		£69
		Magnums	£84

Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Auslese

2010	Some botrytis in evidence, underpinned by vibrant lemony fruit. Very fine and long.		£96
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Lieser Niederberg Helden Auslese Goldkapsel

2010	Elegant, beautifully rounded peach fruit and vibrant ripe citrus flavours packaged so harmoniously that it takes the breath away. Poised and full of energy. Incredibly pure.		£132
		Halves	£144
		Magnums each	£54

Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Auslese Goldkapsel

2010	A more obvious botrytis than the Helden <i>Goldkapsel</i> , but still astonishingly bright and pure, with citrus and mineral flavours clearly delineated. Almost painfully intense finish.		£150
		Halves	£165
		Magnums each	£68

Schloss Lieser (contd.)

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Lieser Niederberg Helden Auslese Lange Goldkapsel

2010	Lots of very clean botrytis that is kept light by the vibrant citrus acidity. Very intense and complex, and with effortless elegance. Long juicy finish. A marvel.		£168
		Halves	£198
		Magnums each	£78

Lieser Niederberg Helden Beerenauslese

2010	Still fermenting during our visit, not tasted	3-bottle-case	£231
		Halves (6-bottle case)	£240

Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Beerenauslese

2010	Still fermenting during our visit, not tasted	3-bottle-case	£255
		Halves (6-bottle case)	£264

Lieser Niederberg Helden Auslese Trockenbeerenauslese

2010	Still fermenting during our visit, not tasted	3-bottle-case	£690
		Halves (3-bottle-case)	£345

Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Trockenbeerenauslese

2010	Still fermenting during our visit, not tasted	3-bottle-case	£741
		Halves (3-bottle-case)	£378

Dr. Loosen Bernkastel (Mosel)

One of the world's most charismatic and gifted wine growers was on top form once again. He and his winemaker Bernie Schug have produced an array of very attractive wines that will give enormous pleasure.

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Erdener Treppchen Kabinett

2010	Fresh, racy and pithy, pure and focussed, with generous peach and lemon fruit.		£48

Ürziger Würzgarten Spätlese

2010	Elegant and round, with rich pear fruit and ripe mineral flavours. Lovely density and smoothness.		£78
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Erdener Treppchen Auslese

2010	Lots of energy in this vibrant citrus fruit and mineral-driven package. Genuinely exciting.		£180
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Erdener Prälat Auslese Goldkapsel

2010	A pure botrytis makes this gentle, soft and elegant, supported by vibrant acidity that keeps it singing. Very concentrated and intense.	Halves	£180
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Georg Mosbacher Forst (Pfalz)

Sabine Mosbacher and Jurgen Düringer continue to makes the most elegant wines in the Pfalz. They are easy to overlook in a tasting lineup of ripe blockbusters, but when it comes to actually drinking them, they win every time.

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Deidesheimer Leinhöhle Kabinett trocken - DRY

2010	Delicate and fine, with beautifully delineated fruit and good balance. Fresh mineral finish.		£60
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Forster Musenhang Kabinett trocken - DRY

2010	Very vibrant and fresh, with a finesse that is extraordinary at this level.		£60
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Sauvignon Blanc - DRY

2010	Yes indeed, you read right. Not the sort of thing we would normally dream of considering, but the pure gooseberry and elderflower fruit was so seductive that we could not resist.		£60
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Ungeheuer Grosses Gewächs - DRY

2010	Always the biggest wine in the lineup, and the best balanced. Excellent intensity, with ripe lemon fruit, a fine minerality and an intense, elegant finish.		£126
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Willi Schaefer Graach (Mosel)

Consistently fine wines here, marked by their individuality and close reflection of *terroir*. No one understands the soils of Graach better than this father and son team.

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Graacher Himmelreich Kabinett

2010	Superb balance and intensity; juicy elegance and a lovely citrus finish.		£56
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Graacher Domprobst Kabinett

2010	More intense than the Himmelreich <i>Kabinett</i> , but also more backward at this stage. A pronounced minerality and long citrus finish. Very exciting and full of vibrant energy.		£56
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Graacher Himmelreich Spätlese

2010	Dense fruit compressed by the vibrant citrus acidity. Very elegant and smooth, with a juicy long finish. Perfectly poised.		£78
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Graacher Domprobst Spätlese #5

2010	Silky smooth peach fruit with a hint of botrytis. Complex mineral notes ranging from pithy grapefruit to stronger slate flavours on the long finish. A fantastic <i>Spätlese</i>		£105
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Graacher Himmelreich Auslese #9

2010	Vibrantly fruity, primarily yellow: peach and apricot with honey in a beautifully wrought mineral framework. Very pure indeed.		£210
		Halves	£216

Graacher Domprobst Auslese #1

2010	An effortless elegance here. Very gentle, with a delicious clean botrytis, peach, lemon and grapefruit, which gradually give way to a dense mineral finish. Harmonious pure and light.		£171
		Halves	£180

Graacher Domprobst Auslese #10

2010	Much more pronounced botrytis than the Auslese #1, but still astonishing light on its feet. Very dense and compact, with ripe rounded fruit and superb elegance. Will reward time in the cellar.		£243
		Halves	£249

Graacher Domprobst Beerenauslese #3

2010	Intense and honeyed, packed with fresh apricot and golden yellow fruits and a bright lemony acidity. Very lively mineral flavours on the long finish.	3-bottle-case	£342
		Halves (6-bottle case)	£348

Schäfer-Fröhlich Bockenau (Nahe)

Move over 2009. 2010 is quite extraordinary here, with a breathtaking purity and precision. Tim Fröhlich has expanded his holdings in the Felseneck by five hectares, luckily compensating for the low yields this year.

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Bockenauer trocken - DRY

2010	A mixture of volcanic and blue slate soils gives vibrant rounded stone fruit, with notes of spice and smoke. Harmonious gentle mineral finish.		£48
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Bockenauer Felseneck trocken - DRY

2010	Pure Devonian slate gives a more intense wine with peachy notes, but the spice and smoke come through again strongly, as do refined mineral flavours.		£72
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Halenberg Grosses Gewächs - DRY

2010	Forward, smooth, ripe and perfectly balanced.		£138
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Felseneck Grosses Gewächs - DRY

2010	The estate's top dry wine. Powerful, pure and focussed, with fine citrus, peach and herb flavours, and bursting with a delicious filigree minerality. Power allied to lightness of touch. Beautifully delineated long vibrant finish. Very lovely indeed.		£144
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Bockenauer Kabinett

2010	Ripe yellow fruit, principally peach, with spice and mineral tones. Vibrant refreshing finish.		£54
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Bockenauer Felseneck Spätlese

2010	Precise golden berry fruit of extraordinary freshness and vitality. Elegant and fine, with a good mineral finish.		£72
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Bockenauer Felseneck Spätlese Goldkapsel

2010	From the steepest part of this precipitous vineyard. Some botrytis in evidence, but the main impression is of poised citrus and peach fruit, with fresh herb, spice and smoke flavours. Slides effortlessly down.		£99
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Bockenauer Felseneck Auslese

2010	Still fermenting during our visit, and not tasted.	Halves	£222
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Bockenauer Felseneck Beerenauslese

2010	Still fermenting during our visit, and not tasted.	Halves (6-bottle case)	£258
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C. von Schubert'sche Gutsverwaltung - Maximin Grünhaus Mertesdorf (Ruwer)

A quite extraordinary year here: beautifully elegant, dense wines that show their origins so precisely and with such exuberance that they are amongst the most exciting in Germany. Carl von Schubert regards this year as better than 2009, and we cannot fail to agree. Quality at *Auslese* level was so high (and yields so low) that no regular *Auslese* was declared. Instead the estate has produced five separate 'numbered' ones, four from the Abstberg alone. Two Herrenberg *Eisweins* (not tasted) will be released later in the year. Please let us know if you are interested.

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Abstberg 'Superior' – DRY

2010	Gooseberry and peach, with juicy slate on the finish. Very pure indeed. Needs time in bottle.		£99
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Abstberg Kabinett

2010	Racy and ripe, with pure gooseberry and herb flavours. Juicy and very clean.		£60
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Abstberg Spätlese

2010	Powerful and zingy, with delicious lemon fruit and some apricot notes from a gentle botrytis, and a strong mineral finish.		£71
		Magnums	£76
		Double-Magnum each WOODEN CASE	£72

Herrenberg Auslese #21

2010	Achingly pure botrytis, creamy ripe fruit and beautiful balance. Fantastic.		£120
		Halves	£126

Abstberg Auslese #37

2010	Pronounced botrytis, with rich creamy fruit. Very dense and superbly vibrant, finishing with a strong mineral tingle.		£152
		Halves	£158

Abstberg Auslese #42

2010	Supremely elegant. Rich, round and ripe yellow fruit, with a gentle creamy minerality and a smooth finish.		£153
		Halves	£159

Abstberg Auslese #72

2010	Very powerful, with each element clearly delineated by the vibrant acidity. There are lashings of botrytis and almost painfully intense lemon and mineral flavours. Very bright and long. Needs time.		£180
		Halves	£186

Abstberg Auslese #24

2010	Very intense indeed. Pure lemon and exotic fruit flavours and a salty minerality powering through on the rich finish. A quiet extraordinary density.		£222
		Halves	£228

Maximin Grünhaus (contd.)

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Abstberg Beereauslese

2010	At the time of our visit this was still fermenting, but we were given a taste of the unfinished wine: fantastically intense and elegant!	3-bottle-case	£600
		Halves (6-bottle-case)	£606

Abstberg Trockenbeereauslese

2010	At the time of our visit this was still fermenting, but we were given a taste of the unfinished wine: fantastically intense and elegant!	3-bottle-case	£840
		Halves (6-bottle case)	£846 Cases can be split

Selbach-Oster Zeltingen (Mosel)

Yet another great year at this estate. Johannes Selbach's wines are now unquestionably close to the top of the Mosel league table. He continues to work on producing *terroir* wines by selecting grapes in a traditional manner. Taking the best parcels in his vineyards – the dark red bits on the old Prussian tax map, which commanded the highest prices and taxes – he has picked in one pass, putting all ripeness levels together in the same vat. The resulting wines show elements of each ripeness level in one wine: the vibrancy of a perfectly balanced Spätlese for instance, with the golden yellow ripeness of an *Auslese*.

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Kabinett

2010	Excellent balance of clean citrus fruit and fresh mineral flavours. Long gentle finish.		£54
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Zeltinger Schlossberg Spätlese

2010	A hint of botrytis gives a gentle elegance, with delicate citrus fruit and a fine minerality in the background. Very balanced and appealing.		£63
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Zeltinger Himmelreich 'Anrecht'

2010	Harvesting in one pass gives an extraordinary complexity – the green, ripe, and botrytised grapes each bring out a facet of the <i>terroir</i> . Bright citrus fruit frames a hint of broadness, and there is a crunchy element in there too. Juicy long finish.		£84
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Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Auslese*

2010	Rich botrytis with honey notes, lifted by vibrant lemony acidity and mineral elegance.		£84
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Selbach-Oster (contd.)

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Zeltinger Sonnenuhr 'Rotlay'

2010	'Rotlay' refers to the red tinge of soil in the best part of the vineyard. Picked in a single block with the aim of remaining true to the <i>terroir</i> , this year it has <i>Beerenauslese</i> character, with very zingy acidity and beautifully pure botrytis. The finish is mineral-laden, juicy and long. Very delicious.		£120
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Zeltinger Schlossberg Auslese 'Schmitt'

2010	The zingy, zesty acidity keeps it fine, long and pure. Real mineral crunch, with bright citrus and peach fruit. Delightful.		£126
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Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Auslese**

2010	Elegant and rich, with a creamy minerality mingled with pure botrytis flavours held together by zippy citrus fruit.	Halves	£156
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Zeltinger Himmelreich Eiswein

2010	A 'late' Eiswein, picked on 2 nd December, and a very elegant one. Gentle honey, freshly mown hay and citrus flavours, lovely ripe acidity and a long fresh finish.	Halves (6-bottle case)	£198
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Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Beerenauslese

2010	Gentle, with lashings of elegant pure apricot flavours and barley sugar. Refreshing pointed acidity on the long finish.	Halves (6-bottle case)	£198
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Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Trockenbeerenauslese

2010	Raisiny, intense and very sweet, this is so viscous that one can almost turn the glass upside down and not spill any. A lively citrus streak keeps it fresh. Very impressive indeed.	Halves (3-bottle-case)	£240 lich
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Philipp Veser (Mosel)

The talented and meticulous Philipp Veser makes wines very much in the style of Thomas Haag, of whom he is the indispensable right-hand man. The quality is outstanding.

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Mülheimer Sonnenlay Kabinett

2010	Zingy, ripe and simply delicious!		£48
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Van Volxem Wiltingen (Saar)

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Saar Riesling - DRY

2010	Beautifully vibrant, rich and long. Intense and fine.		£42
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Scharzhofberger - DRY

2010	Still fermenting during our visit and not tasted.		£84
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Goldberg - DRY

2010	Still fermenting during our visit and not tasted.		£75
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Scharzhofberger Pergentskopp - DRY

2010	Still fermenting during our visit and not tasted.		£126
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Wiltinger Gottesfuss Alte Reben - DRY

2010	Still fermenting during our visit and not tasted.		£126
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Altenberg Alte Reben - DRY

2010	From the best part of the best vineyard in Kanzem, a dizzyingly steep slate slope. Still fermenting during our visit and not tasted.		£126
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Vollenweider Traben-Trarbach (Mosel)

A wonderful vintage here. Daniel Vollenweider told us that the acidity in the Middle Mosel was higher than in the Saar this year. Fortunately there was enough sugar in the grapes to balance the wines, and no deacidification was performed. No *Spätlese Goldkapsel* was made this year.

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Wolfger Goldgrube Kabinett

2010	Vibrant and lemony with lovely purity and balance.		£54
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Wolfger Goldgrube Spätlese

2010	Very old ungrafted vines give intense yellow berry fruit with silky slate notes. Beautifully pure and long, with hints of apricot on the finish.		£69
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Wolfger Goldgrube Auslese

2010	Botrytis gives intense fresh apricot, mingling with peach and balanced by zingy lemon flavours. Very fresh and energetic. Vibrant slaty finish.		£126
		Magnums	£144

Wolfger Goldgrube Auslese Goldkapsel

2010	Like an Eiswein with botrytis: huge lemon and apricot flavours that marry beautifully. Powerful and intense. Very seductive.	3-bottle-case	£108
		Halves	£114
		Magnums	£84

Wolfger Goldgrube Beerenauslese

2010	A huge honeyed monster that's astonishingly light on its feet. Enormous density, searing acidity and considerable complexity promise a great future, confirmed by a very long finish.	3-bottle-case	£300
		Halves (6-bottle case)	£306

Vollenweider (contd.)

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Wolfer Goldgrube Trockenbeereauslese

2010	Huge helpings of everything: apricot, peach, honey, raisins, lemon, slate, and yet manages the extraordinary feat of great elegance. Will last longer than you.	3-bottle-case	£690
		Halves (6-bottle case)	£348

Robert Weil Kiedrich (Rheingau)

We are delighted to import the wines of this famous estate, one of the few in the Rheingau achieving its full potential. With 70 hectares under vine, this is big business by the standards of most German quality estates, and its opulent old villa and large visitor centre give the impression of a first-growth Bordeaux château. Despite the scale of the operation, enormous efforts to ensure the best possible quality are repaid with superb wines. They have great finesse and polish.

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Kiedrich Gräfenberg Erstes Gewächs

2010	Complex and elegant ripe fruit and mineral tones lifted by piercing lemon flavours. Juicy, very mineral-driven finish. Very intense and long.		£156
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Robert Weil Kabinett

2010	Fresh, vibrant and clean, with peach and lemon flavours.		£66
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Kiedrich Gräfenberg Spätlese

2010	Creamy, rich and ripe, with an appealing gentle intensity. There is lemon here, but it is covered by vibrant exotic fruit – peaches, apricots and passion fruit – and a fine minerality. Superb!		£156
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Kiedrich Gräfenberg Auslese

2010	Made in 'homeopathic quantities', this is pure, clean and harmonious, with elegant smooth fruit and very fine mineral flavours. Beautifully balanced and fresh.		£300
		Halves	£306

Kiedrich Gräfenberg Beereauslese

2010	Very focussed, pure and delicate botrytis, with notes of lemon and smoke. Huge lashings of acidity balanced by vibrant fruit and a powerful mineral presence on a beautifully elegant finish. More TBA than BA in style, and thus of course a bargain.	Halves (6-bottle-case)	£624 Cases can be split
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Kiedrich Gräfenberg Trockenbeereauslese

2010	Huge everything. Very sweet, very pure, very lovely. It has the same ripeness as the 09, but a lot more acidity, which keeps it vibrant and shows every element in sharp relief. Many minutes after swallowing, a salty minerality appears. A quite stunning wine of enormous concentration and elegance. One of the finest TBAs we tasted this year.	Single bottle	£430
		Single half	£216

Weiser-Künstler Traben-Trarbach (Mosel)

The remarkable story of Konstantin Weiser and Alexandra Künstler continues. Like their friend Daniel Vollenweider, they continue to produce fantastic wines from vineyards so hard to work that they have been given up by others as economically unviable. The quality is consistently dazzling.

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Enkircher Ellergrub Kabinett

2010	Vibrant and full of energy, with appealing rounded fruit and a zesty mineral finish.		£45
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Enkircher Ellergrub Spätlese

2010	Very lemony and spritzy, with a deliciously intense mineral zing. Strong fruity finish.		£66
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Enkircher Ellergrub Auslese

2010	Sweet and vibrant, with considerable botrytis, balanced by pithy citrus flavours. Very pure and long.		£144
		Halves	£150

Enkircher Ellergrub Beerenauslese

2010	Only 100 litres made. Smooth, elegant rounded fruit with ripe lemony acidity and hints of orange. Fantastic purity and intensity, and a long mineral finish. One of the best BAs tasted this year.	Halves (6-bottle-case)	£282
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Forstmeister Geltz Zilliken Saarburg (Saar)

The wines here are the epitome of Saar Riesling: graceful, vibrant and mineral-driven.

PER CASE OF 6 IB

Saarburger Rausch Kabinett #10

2010	Now that the Bockstein is being made in a drier style, this remains the only real 'traditional' Kabinett here. Very vibrant and pure, with lovely peach and citrus fruit and a mineral bang on the finish.		£66
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Saarburger Rausch Spätlese #8

2010	Very vibrant indeed. An enormous step up in intensity, with grapefruit, lemon and a sweet core of peach and passion fruit. Vivid, elegant and long, with great delicacy and freshness.		£102
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Saarburger Rausch Auslese #6

2010	A very clean botrytis gives more tropical fruit flavours, and a lot more intensity. Ripe and rich, with <i>Eiswein</i> -like acidity and an almost creamy middle, building to a vibrant fresh mineral finish.		£204
		Halves	£210
		Magnums	£234

Saarburger Rausch Auslese #4

1993	One of the Saar's great years, now mature and delicious.		£147
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Zilliken (contd.)

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Saarburger Rausch Auslese Goldkapsel #4

2010	Very big. Citrus and apricot fruit lifted by vibrant acidity and a creamy minerality. Very rich and long.		£306
		Halves	£318
		Magnums	£348

Saarburger Rausch Auslese Lange Goldkapsel #2

2010	Extraordinary precision, and very fine ripe fruit. Vibrant, rich and long. Quite extraordinary.	3-bottle-case	£240
		Halves (6-bottle-case)	£243
		Magnums each	£180

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2. Prices for 2010s are under bond.
3. Unless otherwise indicated, wines may be purchased by the case only.
4. Free delivery in mainland UK on orders over £600 excluding VAT, otherwise at cost. Minimum charge £11 plus VAT. Customers outside mainland UK are responsible for their own shipping arrangements.
5. All wines are sold in good faith but we shall not be liable if a grower fails to supply a wine or if it is lost or damaged in transit. In such very rare cases, another wine or a cash refund will be offered.
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