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2007 Heribert Kerpen Bernkasteler  
Bratenhofchen Riesling Eiswein

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**RATING:** 91 points

**PRODUCER:** Heribert Kerpen

**FROM:** Bratenhofchen  
Bernkastel Kues,  
Middle Mosel, Mosel  
Saar Ruwer,  
Germany

**VARIETY:** Riesling

**DRINK:** -

**ESTIMATED COST:**

**SOURCE:** eRobertParker.com,  
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Jun 2009

Kerpen's 2007 Bernkasteler Bratenhofchen Riesling Eiswein smells of candied cherry and caramel apple. A very sweet palate presence of vanilla-laced confectionary fruit manages somehow to achieve lightness and lift without any obvious impression of citricity or brightness. This remarkably pure, long wine never becomes saccharine, and while its range of flavors is relatively narrow, it should be worth following the wine for at least a decade.

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2007 Heribert Kerpen Bernkasteler  
Bratenhofchen Riesling Spatlese

Add to Print List

**RATING:** 91 points

**PRODUCER:** Heribert Kerpen

**FROM:** Bratenhofchen  
Bernkastel Kues,  
Middle Mosel, Mosel  
Saar Ruwer,  
Germany

**VARIETY:** Riesling

**DRINK:** 2009 - 2021

**ESTIMATED COST:**

**SOURCE:** eRobertParker.com,  
#183  
Jun 2009

Site-typical cherry and lime scent Kerpen's 2006 Bernkasteler Bratenhofchen Riesling Spatlese. Lushly-textured and ripe, yet brightly refreshing and cooling in its citrus and mint, this displays a distinctly alkaline and slightly fusil aspect that suggest more evolution than most of the wines in this year's Kerpen collection. Despite a mere 8.5% alcohol, this is not overly sweet, but it is enormously expressive and impressively persistent. My intuition is that it will be best drunk on the early side, by which for this category I mean within 10-12 years.

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2007 Heribert Kerpen Graacher Domprobst  
 Riesling Auslese (1 Star)  Add to Print List

**RATING:** 92 points

**PRODUCER:** Heribert Kerpen 

**FROM:** Domprobst Graach,  
 Middle Mosel, Mosel  
 Saar Ruwer,  
 Germany

**VARIETY:** Riesling


**DRINK:** -

**ESTIMATED COST:**

**SOURCE:** eRobertParker.com,  
 #183  
 Jun 2009

Kerpen's "one-star" 2007 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Auslese offers scents of apple blossom, marzipan, and fresh grapefruit. Offering another instance of remarkable delicacy allied to richness and textural creaminess, this offers nut paste and baked apple through a long, refined finish in which the sweetness is supportive without drawing attention to its self. This should merit 15-20 years of care and attention.

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2007 Heribert Kerpen Graacher Domprobst  
 Riesling Spatlese Feinherb  Add to Print List

**RATING:** 88 points

**PRODUCER:** Heribert Kerpen 

**FROM:** Domprobst Graach,  
 Middle Mosel, Mosel  
 Saar Ruwer,  
 Germany

**VARIETY:** Riesling


**DRINK:** 2009 - 2017

**ESTIMATED COST:**

**SOURCE:** eRobertParker.com,  
 #183  
 Jun 2009

Kerpen's 2007 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spatlese feinherb displays wet stone and alkaline notes in the nose. Apple and grapefruit are accented by toasted nuts and apple pips on a satisfyingly juicy, subtly bitter palate, and the saline, stony, alkaline finish here offers a veritable mineral bath. This should be worth following for 6-8 years.

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2007 Heribert Kerpen Graacher Himmelreich  
 Riesling Kabinett Feinherb  Add to Print List

**RATING:** 87 points

**PRODUCER:** Heribert Kerpen 

**FROM:** Himmelreich Graach,  
 Middle Mosel, Mosel  
 Saar Ruwer,  
 Germany

**VARIETY:** Riesling


**DRINK:** 2009 - 2015

**ESTIMATED COST:**

**SOURCE:** eRobertParker.com,  
 #183  
 Jun 2009

A product of relatively early picking, Kerpen's 2007 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett feinherb leads with lemon and apricot, then offers a sappy, bright display of same on a refreshing palate, and finishes with considerable lift and refreshment (at 11% alcohol); a distinct sense of wet stone; and no appreciable sweetness. I suspect this will be worth revisiting over a 5-6 year period.

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2007 Heribert Kerpen Graacher Himmelreich  
 Riesling Spatlese  Add to Print List

**RATING:** 88+ points

**PRODUCER:** Heribert Kerpen 

**FROM:** Himmelreich Graach,  
 Middle Mosel, Mosel  
 Saar Ruwer,  
 Germany


A Kerpen 2007 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Spatlese displays ripe peach right down to the pit and fuzz, backed by refreshing lemon on its glossy-textured palate. In fact, this Riesling's almost electric brightness contributes to a somewhat sweet-sour tug-of-war. I would give it a few years to settle down, and anticipate its being lovely for a dozen or

**VARIETY:** Riesling

more.

**DRINK:** -**ESTIMATED COST:****SOURCE:** eRobertParker.com,  
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Wehlener Sonnenuhr (1 Star) Add to Print List**RATING:** 91 points**PRODUCER:** Heribert Kerpen **FROM:** Sonnenuhr Wehlen,  
Middle Mosel, Mosel  
Saar Ruwer,  
Germany**VARIETY:** Riesling**DRINK:** -**ESTIMATED COST:** \$44**SOURCE:** eRobertParker.com,  
#183  
Jun 2009

The Kerpen "one-star" 2006 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese smells decadently of faded lilies, and golden delicious apples drizzled with honey and caramel. Yet for all of the sweetness and soft ripeness that description suggests, and for all of this wine's creamy texture, a combination of spicy botrytis pungency and citrus zest helps generate a sense of invigoration and grip in the finish. While coming up shy of the refinement exhibited by the best wines in this year's Kerpen collection, I suspect that this will reward at least 20 years' cellaring.


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Wehlener Sonnenuhr Add to Print List**RATING:** 90 points**PRODUCER:** Heribert Kerpen **FROM:** Sonnenuhr Wehlen,  
Middle Mosel, Mosel  
Saar Ruwer,  
Germany**VARIETY:** Riesling**DRINK:** 2009 - 2024**ESTIMATED COST:** \$20-\$25**SOURCE:** eRobertParker.com,  
#183  
Jun 2009[Show Other Tastings For This Wine](#)

The latest edition of one a long-running, sure-fire value, Kerpen's 2007 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett smells of clover, honeysuckle, and fresh apple, and comes onto the palate with a delicacy and refreshment that befit its wafting aromas. Subtle creaminess of texture and crushed stone underlying character add to the allure of this superbly-balanced, subtly sweet Riesling worth attending to for at least 15 years.

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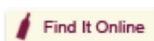
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Middle Mosel, Mosel  
Saar Ruwer,  
Germany**VARIETY:** Riesling**DRINK:** 2009 - 2024**ESTIMATED COST:** \$25

The Kerpen 2007 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spatlese was picked early. Bright apple and citrus here segue harmoniously into malt and toasted nuts, with plenty of salt and stone as well. This uncannily combines the depth, density, and creaminess of texture with delicacy, vivacity, and transparency to the aforementioned mineral nuances. I anticipate its repaying attention for the next 15 years.

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2007 Heribert Kerpen Riesling Spatlese  
Wehlener Sonnenuhr (1 Star)

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**RATING:** 91 points

**PRODUCER:** Heribert Kerpen

**FROM:** Sonnenuhr Wehlen,  
Middle Mosel, Mosel  
Saar Ruwer,  
Germany

**VARIETY:** Riesling

**DRINK:** -

**ESTIMATED COST:** \$36

**SOURCE:** eRobertParker.com,  
#183  
Jun 2009

Kerpen's "one star" 2007 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spatlese offers the malt and toasted nuts that characterized his "no star" version, but here with baked rather than fresh apple, and a honeyed glaze. (There was only minimal botrytis in the fruit, Kerpen insists.) This displays flattering creaminess of texture, memorable lift, and a long, soothing finish incorporates an unusual prominence of brown spices for a wine from this site.

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2007 Heribert Kerpen Wehlener Sonnenuhr  
Riesling Auslese

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**RATING:** 93 points

**PRODUCER:** Heribert Kerpen

**FROM:** Sonnenuhr Wehlen,  
Middle Mosel, Mosel  
Saar Ruwer,  
Germany

**VARIETY:** Riesling

**DRINK:** -

**ESTIMATED COST:** \$38

**SOURCE:** eRobertParker.com,  
#183  
Jun 2009

Very ripe pear, mango, lily, honeysuckle, and heliotrope memorably and sweetly inform the nose of Kerpen's 2007 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese. Taking the creaminess of this vintage's Kerpen Spatlesen to the next level, this at the same time preserves juicy primary fruit and manages a lift and elegance one seldom encounters in an Auslese. The ethereal pear nectar and wafting floral perfume here fit the wine's style to a tee. As with the starred Spatlese, this exhibits considerable brown spice character in its long, terrifically refined and almost levitating finish. Lay this bottled bouquet away in your cellar and it will not wilt for at least the next 20 years.

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2007 Heribert Kerpen Wehlener Sonnenuhr  
Riesling Auslese (3 Star)

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**RATING:** 91 points

**PRODUCER:** Heribert Kerpen

**FROM:** Sonnenuhr Wehlen,  
Middle Mosel, Mosel  
Saar Ruwer,  
Germany

**VARIETY:** Riesling

**DRINK:** -


**ESTIMATED COST:** \$57

**SOURCE:** eRobertParker.com,  
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Jun 2009

Date, marzipan, brown spices, and white raisin inform the Kerpen "three star" 2007 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese\*\*\*, a wine whose ethereal aromatics persist on a delicate palate underlain by pure honey. A chewy phenolic suggestion of cherry skin and pungent citrus zest add invigoration to the finishing richness of honey and white raisin. What's been left behind at this stage of botrytization is any real sense of refreshment. But it's early days for a wine that really deserves a decade in the cellar and should reward three.

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2007 Heribert Kerpen Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese Feinherb

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**RATING:** 91 points

**PRODUCER:** Heribert Kerpen 

**FROM:** Sonnenuhr Wehlen, Middle Mosel, Mosel Saar Ruwer, Germany

**VARIETY:** Riesling

**DRINK:** 2009 - 2021

**ESTIMATED COST:**

**SOURCE:** eRobertParker.com, #183 Jun 2009

The Kerpen 2007 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese feinherb is far and away the most impressive of this year's dry-tasting Kerpen wines. A greenhouse-like aura of flowers and greenery, along with almond, lemon and apple scent the nose. Combining flattering creaminess of texture, ample stuffing, and wet stone and alkaline mineral undertones with a considerable sense of sheer refreshment, this finishes with impeccable balance at 32 grams of residual sugar, despite which sweetness simply never becomes an issue. "This just stopped that way," says Kerpen. "It was supposed to become somewhat drier, but when a wine doesn't want to go any further, you shouldn't torment it." Amen! Let this one treat you over the next 10-12 years minimum.

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2007 Heribert Kerpen Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Beerenauslese (1 Star)

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**RATING:** 90 points

**PRODUCER:** Heribert Kerpen 

**FROM:** Sonnenuhr Wehlen, Middle Mosel, Mosel Saar Ruwer, Germany

**VARIETY:** Riesling

**DRINK:** -

**ESTIMATED COST:** \$112

**SOURCE:** eRobertParker.com, #183 Jun 2009

A yeasty fermentative veil over the glass of Kerpen 2007 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Beerenauslese parts to reveal ethereal notes of apple in the manner of Normandy cider. Hints of butterscotch in the nose become more prominent on the palate. This is overtly sweet even when compared with this year's Eiswein, much less with the rest of the present collection. Kerpen thinks it will clarify and become better-balanced in a couple of years. I suspect a much slower evolution, and that it will scarcely be worth "looking in on" and reassessing it for another half dozen years.

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2007 Heribert Kerpen Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spatlese Trocken Alte Reben

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**RATING:** 88 points

**PRODUCER:** Heribert Kerpen 

**FROM:** Sonnenuhr Wehlen, Middle Mosel, Mosel Saar Ruwer, Germany

**VARIETY:** Riesling

**DRINK:** -

While I unfortunately missed out on a chance to taste its 2006 predecessor, Kerpen's 2007 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spatlese trocken Alte Reben – actually representing a cask-selection, although the vines are certainly old – may a few years to show its superiority over the corresponding "regular" bottling, which at the moment is somewhat more expressive and site-typical. In this "old vines" version, melon, almond, and hazelnut dominate in the nose and on a flatteringly silken-textured palate, with subdued

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suggestions of wet stone underlying the wine's nutty finish.

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