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"Some people still don't realize what excellent Spätburgunder aka Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Riesling the brothers Johannes and Christoph Thörle of Weingut Thörle in Rheinhessen produce. The 2024 whites and 2023 reds are excellent again!" (Stuart Pigott, JamesSuckling.com August 22nd, 2025)

PINOT NOIR

Thörle Saulheim Hölle Spätburgunder 2023 – 98 points

Very deep and dark yet cool and youthful, this is an extraordinary pinot with great mineral freshness and incredibly fresh wild berry and sour cherry flavors. Very long, chalky finish that ripples over the palate into the smoky and stony distance. From organically grown grapes. Matured for 18 months in well-used, small oak casks. Unfiltered. Drink or hold.

Thörle Saulheim Probstey Spätburgunder 2023 – 98 points

Welcome to the dark forest with its berries, dry floor and wildflowers. Incredibly deep and complex on the nose, but that barely prepares you for the density of spices, dried Mediterranean herbs, licorice and sandalwood on the rich, medium- to full-bodied palate. There's a huge structure behind all this, but it's beautifully integrated. Just let the wine carry you away on its magic carpet at the silky finish. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink or hold.

Thörle Saulheim Spätburgunder Kalkstein 2023 – 94 points

Staggering concentration and vitality on the very focused, medium-bodied palate. Flint and wet forest floor, but also very fine tannins. I love the very expressive sour cherry aromas. The terrific mineral acidity might be too much for some. Primarily from Dijon clones. From organically grown grapes. Unfiltered. Drink or hold.

Thörle Spätburgunder Rheinhessen 2023–92 points

The vibrant sour cherry aromas are beautifully interwoven with lovely creaminess, fine tannins and chalky minerality. I love what the energetic acidity does for the long finish of this slightly cloudy beauty. From organically grown grapes. Matured for 18 months in well-used, small oak casks. Unfiltered. Drink or hold.

OTHER WHITE WINES

Thörle Chardonnay Réserve 2024 – 96 points

A smoky nose of seashells and grilled baguette. Thanks to the impressive concentration, this would easily stand next to top premier cru and grand cru wines from Burgundy. In spite of only being medium-bodied on the palate, there's fantastic textural complexity and minerality. From vines planted in 1992, the first year chardonnay grapes were officially allowed in Germany. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

Thörle Saulheim Probstey Silvaner 2024 – 96 points

This unique dry silvaner is a dead ringer for Meursault from a top producer. I love the delicate toasty character that is beautifully interwoven with seriously leesy complexity on the medium-bodied palate. Great seashell character in the extremely long and refined finish. From organically grown grapes. Wild-fermented and matured in a mix of 1,200-liter neutral oak casks and newer 500-liter oak casks. Drink or hold.

Thörle Kalk & Kreide Saulheim Chardonnay & Weissburgunder 2024 – 93 points

You could easily mistake this cuvee of chardonnay and pinot blanc for a Saint Aubin or Auxey-Durreses in Burgundy. Expressive lemon curd and chalk flavors on the texturally complex, beautifully balanced, medium-bodied palate. Very long, chalky finish. Drink or hold.

Thörle Grauburgunder Rheinhessen Saulheim 2024-94 points

The quince jelly, dried pear and candied orange peel aromas make this dry pinot gris stand out of the crowd no less than the serious tannin structure. Concentrated and very fresh on the medium-bodied palate. From organically grown grapes. Very low sulfite addition. Drink or hold.

Thörle Chardonnay Rheinhessen 2024 - 91 points

A very successful entry-level chardonnay with a really satisfying interplay of leesy creaminess, elegant acidity and citrus on the crisp, medium-bodied palate. Very good length. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

RIESLING

Thörle Saulheim Hölle Riesling 2024 – 96 points

A dark and dangerous dry riesling that combines the raciness of the 2024 vintage with enormous power and structure. Simultaneously creamy and stony on the medium- to full-bodied palate. Still very youthful, with exceptional length in the racy finish. From organically grown grapes. Wild-fermented in 600-liter casks of neutral oak, then matured for eight months on the lees before bottling. Drink or hold.

Thörle Saulheim Probstey Riesling 2024 – 96 points

Let yourself sink into the amazing creamy and silky texture of this great dry riesling. Stunning concentration and restrained power. The citrusy freshness beautifully complements the salty minerality and smoky lees character in the impeccably balanced, very long finish. Fascinating aromas of dried flowers develop with aeration. From organically grown grapes. Wild-fermented in a 1,200-liter neutral oak cask, then matured for eight months on the lees before bottling. Drink or hold.

Thörle Saulheim Schlossberg Riesling 2024 – 95 points

Cool Amalfi lemon aromas combined with mineral power give this sleek yet compact and concentrated wine a very distinctive personality. Dark and positively earthy finish that's super long and very crisp, From organically grown grapes. Wild-fermented in large neutral oak casks and a stainless steel tank, then matured for eight months on the lees before bottling. Drink or hold.

Thörle Saulheim Schlossberg Riesling Kabinett 2024 – 95 points

A very juicy, barely medium-bodied Kabinett with attractive white flower and stone fruit aromas and flavors. Lovely Amalfi lemon freshness in the very long, beautifully balanced finish. The hint of flint electrifies it. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

Thörle Essenheim Teufelspfad Riesling 2024 – 94 points

I love the way yellow peach and Mirabelle plum aromas pull you into this generous and well-structured dry riesling. Excellent concentration and elegant citrusy and salty acidity that drive the very long finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

Thörle Saulheim Riesling Kalkstein 2024 – 94 points

Plenty of white peach with subtle overtones of fresh herbs and Amalfi lemon, this is a very fresh and elegant silvaner that has not a trace of the rusticity that often marks the wines from this grape. Long polished finish with good chalky minerality. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink or hold.

Thörle Riesling Austernkalk trocken Rheinhessen 2024 – 93 points

This sleek, youthful dry riesling combines intense Amalfi lemon and chalk flavors with excellent substance on the compact, medium-bodied palate. Very long, silky and salty finish with excellent energy. From young vines in the Schlossberg site. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

Thörle Riesling Kabinett Rheinhessen 2024 – 93 points

A racy and zesty Kabinett with energy and purity that's rare for this category. I love the crisp yellow apple character and the touch of rhubarb freshness on the sleek, light-bodied palate. Very elegant finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

Thörle Riesling trocken Rheinhessen 2024 – 91 points

For the challenging 2024 vintage, this is remarkable. Plenty of quince, yellow apple and citrus aromas on the fresh, medium-bodied palate. Crisp, long and quite spicy finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

Thörle Riesling feinherb Rheinhessen 2024 – 91 points

Cool and herbal, with plenty of crisp apple and greengage plum aromas, this is an impressive, just off-dry riesling that has a nicely streamlined, barely medium-bodied palate. Very long, juicy and refreshing finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.