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# best of riesling 2006



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International Riesling Competition

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## **Best of Riesling 2006**

The winners of this year's international "Best of Riesling" competition have been confirmed. "140 judges from around the world judged 1,803 Riesling wines from seven different countries. This year, the fourth year that the competition has been run, saw a record number of entries, with wines from Europe, North America and Australia submitted for tasting." said Hendrik Hering, minister of viticulture in Rhineland Palatinate at the award presentation at Schloss Engers in Neuwied.

Judges from the UK included journalists Charles Metcalfe, Freddy Price and Stephen Brook, and sommelier Andrea Bricarello.

The competition was organised in four categories and the following wines were selected as the best examples in their category:

### Category 1 – Dry Rieslings (up to 4g/l residual sugar)

- **First Place:** 2005 Kreuznacher Paradies QbA  
Weingut Johanneshof August Korrell & Sohn (Nahe)
- **Second Place:** 2005 Herxheimer Honigsack Spätlese  
Weingut Edwin Bohnenstiel (Pfalz)
- **Third Place, joint winners:**
  - 2005 Sommeracher Katzenhof Spätlese  
Weingut Max Müller (Franken)
  - 2005 Zeltinger Himmelreich Spätlese  
Weingut Becker-Steinhauer (Mosel-Saar-Ruwer)

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Category 2 – Off-dry Rieslings (4 - 18g/l residual sugar)

- **First Place:** 2005 Oestricher Lenchen Spätlese  
Weingut Ferdinand Abel (Rheingau)
- **Second Place:** 2005 Guldentaler Hipperich Spätlese  
Weingut Königswingert Gregor Zimmermann (Nahe)
- **Third Place:** 2005 Senftenberger Hochäcker Qualitätswein  
Weingut Franz Proidl (Niederösterreich Kremstal)

Category 3 – Fruity, sweet Rieslings (18 – 90g/l residual sugar)

- **First Place:** 2005 Retzstadt Langenberg Auslese  
Weingut Rudolf May (Franken)
- **Second Place:** 2005 Winkeler Hasensprung Auslese  
Weingut Dr. Corvers-Kauter (Rheingau)
- **Third Place:** 2005 Escherndorfer Lump Auslese  
Winzerkeller Sommerach e.G. (Franken)

Category 4 – Noble sweet wines (more than 90g/l residual sugar)

- **First Place:** 2003 Heppenheimer Stemmeler Trockenbeerenauslese  
Weingut-Weinhandel H. Freiburger OHG (Hessische Bergstraße)
- **Second Place:** 2003 Brauneberger-Juffer Sonnenuhr  
Trockenbeerenauslese  
Weingut Rainer Heil (Mosel-Saar-Ruwer)
- **Third Place:** 2004 Erdener Bußlay Eiswein  
Weingut Lotz (Mosel-Saar-Ruwer)

The Master Jury also allocated special awards for the first time.

**Best New World Riesling:**

2001 Taylors Wine, St. Andrews  
(Clare Valley, South Australia)

**Best European Riesling (of non-German origin):**

2005 Senftenberger Hochäcker Qualitätswein  
Weingut Franz Proidl (Kremstal, Austria)



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**Best Steep Slate Riesling:**

2004 Quarzschiefer „R“ Qualitätswein b.A.  
Weingut Friedrich Altenkirch (Rheingau)

**Best Range of Rieslings:**

The Weingut Juliusspital in Würzburg (Franken)