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87+ pts

Domaine Rieflé 2014 Steinert Riesling Grand Cru

Pfaffenheim, Alsace

White wine from France

Drinking window: 2023 - 2030

Bright straw-gold. Subtle aromas of apple, jasmine and honeysuckle. Showing a rather powerful acid spine today, this is bracing and sharp on the back end, finishing with a juicy whiplash of crushed-stone salinity and very lemony near-tartness, and not all that balanced right now. This 100 percent Riesling will need time to help soften its rapier-like acidity. The Steinerts' *calcaire oolithique* soils typically give very lemony wines, but this I find this amount of lemoniness to be excessive and disjointed. I hadn't tasted this 2014 last year, as it had just been bottled when I visited the winery. It still needs lots of time to come together. Only 3,000 bottles made per year.

Ian D'Agata. Tasting date: August 2016

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