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Rieflé-Landmann 2016 l'Éclat

Pfaffenheim, Alsace

White wine from France

Drinking window: 2018 - 2021

Pale straw-green. Aromas of fresh citrus and pomaceous fruits, complicated by hints of chamomile and coriander that speak of Sylvaner. Juicy and bright; a cleansing minerality lifts the orchard fruit on the medium-long, rather saline finish. Great food wine. A blend of 90% Riesling and 10% Sylvaner; the latter grapes come from a single parcel of vines in Pfaffenheim, while the former come from plots in Pfaffenheim and nearby townships. While the bottle's back label indicates a 1 on the sweetness scale of 1 to 4, I'm not sure the wine comes across as truly bone dry, something the biochemical numbers also hint at (12.5% alcohol, 4.6 g/L residual sugar and 6 g/L total acidity). This juicy beauty is another easygoing wine of early appeal from Rieflé that is meant to be drunk young and enjoyed with a variety of different foods.

Ian D'Agata. Tasting date: September 2017

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