# AUGUST KESSELER

## ASSMANNSHAUSEN ALTE REBEN CUVÉE MAX, PINOT NOIR QUALITÄTSWEIN

2022




SCORE

97

points

REVIEW

**#70 Top 100 Wines of 2024**. "The 2022 Pinot Noir Assmannshausen Höllenberg Grosses Gewächs emerges from un-grafted vines that are as much 85 years old planted in the mica schist of the Höllenberg. The nose is initially shy, but air allows fine glimpses of smokiness, crushed, ripe mulberry and wild black cherry. The palate is fine and fresh right away, a picture of serene elegance and fine-boned freshness. It makes the mouth water with a flavor that is so reminiscent of tiny, very ripe wild cherries. Simply exquisite aromatically, it's all held in a structure that is as graceful, soaring, weightless and firm as a gothic turret, with the smoothest, ripest tannins. This is a monument to German Pinot Noir. Wow."

GREEN PRACTICES

- Sustainable Practicing
- Vegan Practicing

GRAPE VARIETAL

Pinot Noir

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## ABOUT THE WINERY

When August Kesseler took over his parents' establishment, which was founded in 1924, he was only 19 years old. Traditionally, mostly bulk wine was produced and the vineyard area was just over six acres. Today, under August's guidance, the estate has become one of the flagship producers of the Rheingau area and has also acquired an impressive international reputation. The estate spans 80 acres of vineyards located in some of the best Rheingau sites, such as Assmannshäuser, Höllenberg, Rüdesheim Berg, Schlossberg, Lorchhäuser, Seligmacher, Hattenheimer Wisselbrunnen, and many more. They produce 60% Riesling and 40% Pinot Noir and are a member of the VDP and the German Barrique-Forum.

Max Himstedt, who joined the team in 1989, is the estate's head winemaker, who has been pushing forward the production of world-class wines. Simon Batarseh, an ambitious oenologist, has been with the winery since 1993 and is August's right-hand-man, working on blending, sales, and exports. Together, August, Max, and Simon will continue to ensure quality wines are produced at the highest level.