AUGUST KESSELER

CUVÉE MAX PINOT NOIR
2020



SCORE

94

points

REVIEW

"What a deep, spicy nose this stunning Rheingau pinot noir has! Also aromas of blackcurrant, damson plum and cherry cake. So rich and succulent that it's a delight right now. However, there is a serious tannin structure anchoring the extravagance on the surface. Very clean, straight finish with a wonderful mineral freshness and a positive hint of bitterness. Drinkable now, but best from 2025."

GREEN PRACTICES

- Sustainable Practicing
- Vegan Practicing - All Wines

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.