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### **Bründlmayer**

2004 Zöbinger Heiligenstein Riesling  
Austria CSPC 711426 \$70

In the last fifteen years or so, the face of Austrian wine has changed dramatically with new thinking by a younger generation. These new winemakers set out to rediscover the best of their country's traditions and apply modern knowledge and techniques to bring about a radical transformation of Austria's wine culture.

Bründlmayer has emerged as one of the most important wineries in Austria. This, the estate's finest Riesling, is produced from grapes grown on their most important vineyard site—the Zöbinger Heiligenstein. Yields are restricted by rigorous thinning, and only healthy berries are selected. These techniques result in increasing the quality of grapes to show a similar intensity as those deriving from very old vines. The wine displays a symphony of sharp citrus and exotic fruit flavours with a touch of spice and mineral notes. It has excellent balance and length and is available in specialty wine stores such as Center Street North.

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### **Piper-Heidsieck**

Cuvée Rare Champagne  
France CSPC 717000 \$110

Most Champagne is non-vintage (a blend of wines from several years).

Champagne houses strive for a consistent house style from year to year, which is the most difficult task of the winemaker or cellar master. Typically, the majority of the wine is from the current year, but a percentage is made of reserve wine from previous years. This serves to smooth out some of the vintage variations caused by the marginal growing climate in Champagne. Piper-Heidsieck is considered by most experts to be one of the best producers of non-vintage blends. Winemaker Regis Camus labours over his blend until he attains perfection.

This exceptional wine, made with Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes, is aged to perfection for uncompromising quality. Sparkling gold with hints of green, it offers flavours of tropical fruit combined with hints of mild spices and cocoa. This gem may be found in specialty wine stores such as Willow Park.