

OUR GUIDE TO GREAT CHAMPAGNE

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WINE
OF THE
YEAR**
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TOP

100

**THE MOST
EXCITING WINES
OF 2008**

**BEST VALUES
OF THE YEAR**

**DELICIOUS
PINOT NOIRS
TO BUY NOW**

**AN ITALIAN
HOLIDAY
FEAST**



DEC. 31, 2008 / JAN. 15, 2009

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*Meinhard
Forstreiter***Grüner Veltliner
Qualitätswein Trocken
Kremstal Schiefer 2006**

92 / \$21 • Austria

Meinhard Forstreiter has been making the wine at his family domaine, founded in 1868, for 20 years. The 2006 Grüner Veltliner comes from the oldest vines in the 17-acre Schiefer vineyard, whose conglomeration of soil types gives a mix of both fruit and spicy, peppery notes. Ripeness accelerated at the beginning of October, which was quite warm, but cool weather during the latter half of the month preserved acidity and aromas. 1,250 cases made.