2008 Ried Vom Stein Riesling Smaragd Colour: Strong dark yellow with light pink reflections like a grapefruit. Nose: Here the exotic bouquet, with a minimal petrol scent, holds court and wants to show what it is capable of in the wide-ranging arc of its aromas. The recognisable exoticism of the dried fruit, pineapple, cherimoya, kumquat to physalis and coconut leaves me amazed at a fifteen year-old wine. Acacia honey and light-coloured caramel sweets suggest a certain sweetness. Palate: But it is by no means loud and crashing. Emphasised and ensnared with salty, earthy, mineral notes. The flavour is emphatically creamy and buttery without being fat or even slippery, thanks to the well-matured acidity in the background. (© p@ulabosch)