2016 Ried Vom Stein Riesling Smaragd; Colour: Lemon yellow, but with a slight green tinge. Nose: The rather vegetal start in the first, fragrant bouquet is quickly overtaken by an abundance of citrusy notes. Clementines, pomelo, grapefruit, lime, oranges and lemons make their presence felt without drowning out the Mediterranean herbal flavours such as aniseed and fennel. Palate: The crisp, fresh acidity is the winner in this game because it seems to carry the entire flavour and ennobles it with its fresh presence. Even a hint of mineral, saline notes on the tip of the tongue and lips seem to recede slightly for its sake. The delicately structured texture lends the wine elegance and finesse in equal measure. A delicious drinking pleasure! (© p@ulabosch)