SPARKLINGS - GERMANY (• • •)

SPECIFICATIONS	COUNTRIES, REGIONS, DISTRICTS
(What you have to know)	Sekt: Riesling Sekt, other German Sekt
DEFINITION	Sekt: sparkling wine (can include imported wine)
	Deutscher Sekt: sparkling wine made from German grapes.
WINE MAKING	SEKT
	Base wine: 90% Sekt made from French, Italian or non German still wines.
	Tank method
	Styles: mostly dry (Trocken) or medium dry (Halbtrocken). Usually inexpensive.
	DEUTSCHER SEKT
	Base wine: solely German wine mainly from Riesling, Chardonnay or Pinot Noir.
	Higher quality with wines carrying name and vineyard of origin + vintage + variety
	Made by Sekt manufacturers or by estate (if so, usually bottle fermented)
TRADE	375million bottles/year
	94% Sekt (85% white)

COURSE TASTING NOTES

Classic **Riesling Sekt** should have a pale yellow colour. No yeast notes (>charmat). Medium + intense notes of ripe pear, citrus, mint, petroleum (> Riesling). Dry, high acidity, medium – alcohol, medium + long.

Classic **Pinot Noir Sekt** should have a pale yellow colour. Medium + intense nose of toasted bread, lemon, melon, vanilla, coconut, blackcurrant. Dry, full-bodied, high acidity, fine bubbles.



