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*After decades spent in Chardonnay's shadow,  
Riesling is staging its comeback*

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Italian Riesling comes mostly from the northeastern area of Alto Adige. Alois Lageder in Magrè is a thoughtful maker of subdued yet stylish Rieslings. "I only make the dry Riesling," Lageder proudly says, "because it better reflects the climate and soil of Alto Adige and our philosophy of elegance and finesse." His wines are accurate reflections of all that goes into them with zero winemaker finessing.

### 2007 LAGEDER "RAIN"

Mr. Lageder starts with nicely ripened grapes, then ferments them to dryness. Incredibly subtle and elegant, chopping off the grape's biggest flavors in preference for complexity. A perfect match to asparagus and mussels. \$\$\$



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