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Weekend Wine: Clean Slate Riesling from the Mosel

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Give the bottle a good chill, twist off the screw cap and pour yourself a summer refresher. This is modern Riesling — from the Mother Country and without any words to translate. This collaboration of Moselland in Bernkastel-Kues and U.S. importer Winebow, running \$12-\$13, is one smart wine from the flavors to the styling to the packaging. It's got some sweetness but almost comes off dry. It's an explosion of crisp-tart lime, tangerine, floral and subtle honeyed notes with a big swirl of minerality. It's a gentle 10.5 percent alcohol and perfect to pour with seafood, chicken or nibbles on the deck. Clean Slate is named for the rocks that line the steep hillsides along the Mosel River, which are artfully portrayed on the label. This German Riesling is in wide distribution around Detroit, including Kroger (on sale for \$11.49), Meijer, Hillier's, Busch's and many independent wine shops.



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