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[...] On 28 May Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday. The Audite label has honoured the great singer with a very special collection entitled “Fischer-Dieskau – The Birthday Edition”. This contains unreleased studio and live performances from across the singer’s career, taken from RIAS and SFB radio tapes. It is difficult to point out a highlight here, for Fischer-Dieskau’s unique art of singing is outstanding in every aspect. The collections contains a Mahler song recital with Daniel Barenboim, from the Berlin Philharmonie in 1971 (95.634), a compilation of Brahms songs with Tamás Vásáry from 1972 (95.635), duets and songs by Schumann, Beethoven and Mahler with Fischer-Dieskau’s wife Julia Varady (95.636) and a collection of songs by Reger, Sutermeister and Hindemith (95.637).