

The Riesling Estates in the Bernkasteler Ring

The BERNKASTELER RING is the oldest wine auction company in the area Mosel-Saar-Ruwer. It was founded in 1899 in „Berncastel Cues“. Since the year 1901 Riesling auctions are accomplished in Bernkastel Kues. A condition for the membership was „the type of vine (Riesling), the quality of the vineyards, the care of the land development of the vineyards with special attention for the care of the Rieslings in the steep slate situations and the quality of the wines. These principles possess this very day, after more than 100 years, their full validity.

Today the BERNKASTELER RING consists of 34 Estates at Mosel, Saar and Ruwer - from Wiltingen at the Saar until Winningen to the terrace Mosel, over 250 km river length in the European valley of the Mosel.

The predominant number of the estates are traditional family businesses, which are active in the grape production, wine preparing and marketing. Following the founder generation, they even manage an above average high portion of Riesling vineyards, few even 100%.

The care about nature, sustainable development of steep situations is a must for our over 2000 years old culture landscape at Mosel, Saar and Ruwer. Despite highest production costs and limited harvest quantities the Bernkasteler Ring defines steep slate situations as a must for high quality Riesling wines.

The RING Estates organize annually Riesling degustations at the beginning of June and auctions in the middle of September at Bernkastel-Wehlen (Kloster Machern). Numerous success at various national and international wine competitions in the last one hundred years occupy impressively the high quality standard of the member estates.

Already since the early 1970ies dry and medium dry Riesling wines get vinified, from the Kabinett to the Auslese, some of the members at a range of 70% of production. Therefore it lay near that the Bernkasteler Ring dedicated itself to the topic „wine & meal“.

The "Grosses Gewächs Bernkasteler Ring" (Grand Cru Bernkasteler Ring) is a new premium wine classification for dry Riesling wines vinified according to the new stringent wine classification guidelines adopted by the Bernkasteler Ring since the vintage 2005. These wines originate only from the best steep vineyards and demarcated terroirs and are characterized by an extraordinary potential for maturation.



The prerequisites for inclusion in the new premium distinction "Großes Gewächs" (Grand Cru) are a selective hand-picking of the grapes, a grape harvest limited to 50 hl/ha (hectoliters per hectare) and a strict test of sensory quality.



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