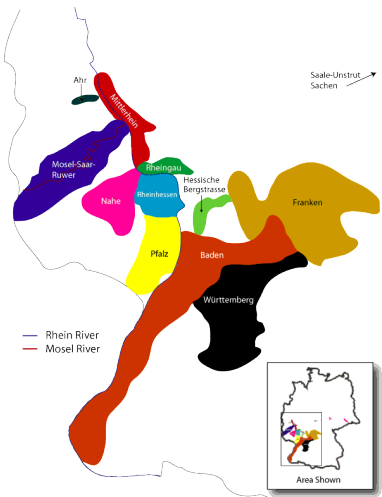


DR. THANISCH

MOSEL, GERMANY



The wine-growing tradition of the Thanisch family can be traced back more than 350 years. In 1636, the name was mentioned for the first time in the registers of Bernkastel. The quality of the family's wines soon extended their excellent reputation far beyond the Mosel valley.

At the end of the 18th Century, the Thanisch family acquired the Berncasteler Doctor vineyard, a very steep site with deep Devon slate structure, situated behind and overlooking the rooftops of the quaint old town of Bernkastel. A vineyard that is still today planted with ungrafted original Riesling vines. The Doctor name originated from a legend about Prince Boemond II of Trier who fell sick and then was cured by a wine from this vineyard, after his physicians had failed to find a remedy. Without doubt, the Doctor vineyard is the most valuable and most famous German site, not only due to its apparent medicinal powers.

The Dr. Thanisch estate (the heirs Müller-Burggraef) includes 16 hectares (40 acres) of best sites in the middle Mosel valley. International reputation was gained in the mid-19th Century under the management of Dr Hugo Thanisch, and his widow continued the tradition, whereby the estate has kept the name, Witwe (= widow of) Dr. H. (Hugo) Thanisch.

Striving for the highest quality is still the standard philosophy at the Dr. Thanisch estate. Barbara Rundquist (née Müller), who had inherited the estate from her aunt, has retired in 2018, and the Willkomm family is dedicated to continue the tradition. A part of this quality is due to the Doctor Cellar which is hewn deep into the rocks beneath the vineyard. Here the Doctor Rieslings are matured in traditional old oak Fuder casks at a constant year-round temperature of 8 C (45 F). Sustainable agriculture, avoiding insecticides and herbicides with careful vineyard management, strict pruning and hand-selecting grapes add to the quality picture. A new modern facility was built in Bernkastel-Andel, just in time to process and cellar the 2017 harvest. The gentle production process is not rushed, and wines are not bottled until sufficient maturity has been reached. The dry-style estate Riesling and standard Kabinett are sealed with Stelvin, but best natural corks are still used for Spätlese & Auslese, as also for the Doctor wines.



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THE VINEYARDS

BERNKASTELETER DOCTOR

The legendary Bernkasteler Doctor vineyard is located behind the village of Bernkastel and is one of the most prestigious vineyards in Germany.

This 100% steep site with a South-South-West orientation consists of medium deep, stony, loamy weathered argillaceous schist. Planted with up to 80 year old vines, full-bodied, spicy wines are grown here. The South-South-West orientation of the vineyard guarantees optimal sunshine throughout most of the day.

The Riesling wines from the Bernkasteler Doctor are among the most famous and noble white wines in the world.

BERNKASTELETER BADSTUBE

The name “Badstube” likely dates back to the Middle Ages. At that time, various hot springs around Bernkastel were used as “baths” and recreational centers. The Bernkasteler Badstube comprises six of the best vineyard sites in Bernkastel: Alte Badstube am Doctorberg, Bratenhöfchen, Doctor, Graben, Lay and Matheisbildchen.

The growing site’s soil features fine slate that stores water extremely well. Very lively and fresh Rieslings grow here with a racy and stable acidity and an extraordinary potential for development.

