

# BOLLIG-LEHNERT

BOLLIG-LEHNERT, IS A SMALL, FAMILY-RUN ESTATE LOCATED IN THE MIDDLE MOSEL VALLEY, WITH WINEMAKING ROOTS DATING BACK TO THE 17TH CENTURY.

Since 1987, Third Generation Winemaker & Owner Stefan Bollig has overseen the roughly 18 acres of the finest, privately owned Mosel Riesling vineyards in the villages of Trittenheim, Piesport and Dron. He and his family live in Trittenheim, and tend to the grapes themselves. After finishing his studies in winemaking and horticulture, Stefan made costly investments (difficult and rare for a small family estate) that have achieved a high standard of quality and resulted in clear, clean and aromatic Riesling. The quality and sustainability have consistently grown and today he and his family continue crafting incredibly layered, environmentally friendly wines from these world-renowned vineyards.



## THE FAMED VINEYARDS

The Mosel River slices through ancient slate and is enveloped by steep hillside vineyards that have produced great wine for centuries. In the Middle Mosel is where we find some of the world's most prized vineyards created by the mystical dance between slope, sun and slate.



### ***Trittenheim Apotheke***

**Slope:** Steep, south-southeast facing

**Soil:** Fine, slatey & kies soils

**Classification:** VDP Grosse Lage (Very best vineyards in Germany); Reduced yields of 50/hl/ha

"Trittenheim," with its top tier, "Trittenheim Apotheke," is undoubtedly one of the best vineyards in the Mosel. This dramatic slope soaks up the sun from above and the abundant minerals from slate soils. The deep subterranean water veins below encourage the vines to grow deep roots, adding intensity to the fruit.



### ***Piesporter Goldtröpfchen***

**Slope:** South facing

**Soil:** Rich, heavy and stoney soil

**Classification:** VDP Erste Lage ('Premier Cru'); Reduced yields of 60/hl/ha

Riesling lovers and world class sommeliers may recognize the term "Piesporter Goldtröpfchen" as one of the most famous, historic and important single-vineyard designations in all of Germany. Goldtröpfchen is the most notable vineyard within Piesport, and means "little golden drops." The vineyard sits at a sharp curve in the Mosel River, steeply pitched, and slightly curved at each end, creating a perfect south-facing amphitheater protecting it from harsher winds. Goldtröpfchen has been a prized wine-growing site since Roman times, with a mix of soils that includes iron-rich clays, quartz, and the Mosel's signature bluish "Devonian" slate.





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## SUSTAINABLE WINEMAKING

The careful combination of careful vineyard management of the prized vineyards, gentle processing, the result sets the benchmark and the quality of these expressive, rich and aging capable wines.

- Strict pruning to reduce yields, careful foliage
- Minimal fungicides and final spraying at least 2 months before harvest.
- No insecticides and no mechanical movement of the soil, instead natural inter-row growth of plants is encouraged to further stress the vines in their very water poor slate soils.
- Hand-harvested, carefully selected and gently transported as undamaged whole cluster bunches in small bins, without pumping, and pressing unmashed at low pressure. Natural sedimentation follows before the clear, untreated juice falls by gravity into the cellar.
- Low-pressure tanks to ensure a clear and clean, fine, aromatic Riesling.
- The must ferments slowly under natural conditions with the cellar yeast flora at a cool temperature in old oak Fuder (1000 liters) casks in the underground cellars, whereby the natural sweetness is retained, where appropriate, and the young wines are left on the fine lees for up to 3 months to give the wines more character and stability.
- Only one light filtration before bottling.



## THE WINES

***Trittenheim Apotheke Riesling Kabinett*** 'Apotheke' translates to 'pharmacy', and its medicinal power is perhaps more than a myth. Fragrant aromas of elderflower, black currant leaf, apple and slate. Accented by rich notes of tropical fruit, including guava and pineapple. A bracing structure drives the apple and stone flavors to fill a lingering finish.

***Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese*** Ripe, full of tropical fruit flavors of pineapple, mango and guava, with pastry accents. Offers a bright finish of kiwifruit and lime, showing a touch of chamomile and cream. A succulent Riesling.

