



Dr. H. THANISCH ERBEN MÜLLER-BURGGRAEF

EXCELLENCE *along the Mosel River*

The internationally renowned estate Wwe. Dr. H. Thanisch Erben Müller-Burgraef is located in the picturesque town of Berncastel-Kues alongside the Mosel River. Here, estate manager Maximilian Ferger cultivates 40 acres of top notch, steep slope Riesling sites. For generations the name Thanisch has been synonymous for luxurious white wines from the Mosel.



375+ years OF WINEMAKING

The Thanisch family looks back on a winegrowing tradition of over 375 years. In the early 19th century, the family acquired part of the famed Berncasteler Doctor vineyard. After Dr. Hugo Thanisch passed at an early age, his 28-year-old wife inherited the estate, which was then named after the widow: Witwe Dr. H. Thanisch.

THE Famed DOCTOR VINEYARD

The legendary Berncasteler Doctor site lies behind the Mosel community of Berncastel and is one of Germany's most famous single vineyards.

The "Berncasteler Doctor" is the most expensive vineyard in Germany. The Riesling wines that spawn this location are among the best known and finest white wines in the world. Thanisch received international reputation in the mid-19th Century under the management of Dr. Hugo Thanisch. From that time on, Thanisch wines fetched spectacular prices at international auctions. In 1986 a bottle of 1921 Berncasteler Doctor fetched the incredible sum of \$16,000.00.

INNOVATION & The Doctor's Cellar

The 350-year-old Berncasteler Doctor cellar had been previously carved into the slate rock underneath the steep Doctor vineyard where the old oak Fuder casks for the Doctor wines are kept, and now holds, among other things, a treasury of precious rarities, including the 1921 Trockenbeerenauslese.

In 2015, the winery invested into a state-of-the-art estate building made of heat-insulating concrete which allows optimal storage. In the subterranean cellar, temperatures remain perfectly steady. During harvest, the wine gently flows into the respective tanks via "Free Flow" from the press hall into the cellar. The building also makes use of natural resources: rainwater is collected in two underground cisterns and use for cleaning while the winery's photovoltaic system generates power.

With intuition and subtlety, Maximilian Ferger focuses on the careful cultivation of individual top-class plants. This includes the vision to work sustainably and ecologically. He pays special attention to the care of the soil and vines and consciously pays attention to low yields per hectare.

"At the harvest we decide on physiological maturity and not on must weight. This is the quality of our wines, because only the physiological maturity guarantees the fully mature flavors."

- Maximilian Ferger



Sun-Kissed & STEEP VINEYARDS



OVER THE COURSE OF 15 MILLION YEARS, the Mosel has buried itself in a very mineral-rich slate mountains, which was formed 400 million years ago. The slate weathers very easily, the components disintegrate and enrich the soil, are dissolved in the groundwater and absorbed by the vines.

Due to the protected location of the Mosel Valley, the area is one of the warmest climates in Germany. The wealth of the Mosel and the soil to store heat keeps the seasonal temperature fluctuations low.

Many of our locations have a slope of more than 60%. Handwork is therefore required year round - from the care of the vines to the grape harvest.

Thanks to the valuable combination of steepness, soil conditions and climate, our vines can develop under the best possible conditions. Thus, the natural and necessary interplay of the terroir with the vines provides again and again for an impressive taste composition of our wines.



Wwe. Dr. H. Thanisch Erben Müller-Burggraf is certified as FAIR'N GREEN, a holistic sustainability assessment which integrates business, environmental and societal goals. Within the scope of the holistic approach to sustainability, the entire management, the outdoor operations, the cellar management and the marketing are constantly optimized.

Our VINEYARDS

• *Berncasteler Doctor*

The 100% steep slope is located at 125-200 meters above sea level in a south-south-west orientation. It is characterized by a stony, loamy soil. Due to the special orientation of the location, a good sunshine is guaranteed almost at any time of the day, which constitutes the later flavor play in the grapes. In addition, the numerous slate-roofed roofs of Bernkastel below the vineyard radiate heat to the steep slope, which also benefits the maturing process.

• *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, including Lay and Graben.

• *Lay*

The Bernkasteler Lay is another premium vineyard site not far from the Doctor. Nestled in the center of the vineyard, we own several high-quality steep lots, planted with very old vines. From the blue schist soil, we harvest very ripe grapes that are highly elegant and feature a complex profile. The vineyard faces West-Southwest which guarantees a maximum of sunlight during the day. The name Bernkasteler Lay relates directly to its schist soil, as "Lay" is an old expression for slate in the local dialect.

• *Graben*

The single vineyard site Bernkasteler Graben is situated in the immediate vicinity of the Doctor. At an altitude of 125-225 meters above sea level, the South to South-west facing vineyards with a 60% slope comprise a total of 30 acres. The cultivation of the vines is achieved by single pile education. The very old Riesling vines which grow here on the slope gradient yield high predicate wines of tremendous finesse, elegance and intensity.

