

*Paul Anheuser*

## region NAHE

## vineyards

Kreuznach (Kahlenberg, Krötenpfuhl, Narrenkappe, Mönchberg, Kauzenberg), Niederhausen (Pfingstweide, Felsen Steyer), Schlossböckelheim (Königsfels)

## varietals

Riesling (70%), Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir, and Scheurebe

## owner

Rudolph & Paul Anheuser

## winemaker

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## remarks

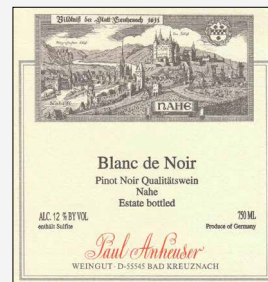
traditional Nahe estate with elegant food-friendly wines

The Anheuser's family tree dates back to the year 1627 when an Anheuser lived in Kreuznach and was known as an owner of vineyards. At the end of the 19th Century, Rudolf Anheuser extended the vineyards of the estate beyond the boundaries of the town of Bad Kreuznach. ('Bad' being the designation for a spa town, it was originally famous for its saline springs, hot baths and healthy climate.) Rudolf Anheuser was the first grower in the Nahe region to start the cultivation of vineyards planted exclusively with Riesling. Rudolf's son Paul continued the family tradition, and today Rudolf and Paul (no coincidence) are the 14th generation to own and manage the estate. Their mother, Dorothee, ably assists them. It was one of their ancestors that started a brewery in St. Louis, which gained some measure of notoriety.

The vineyards, spread out along the Nahe valley, offer a wide variety of characteristic wines, reflecting the influence of the different soil structures, such as porphyry or red sandstone, and the varying microclimates, especially on the upper Nahe with its incredibly steep rocky formations. In fact, two of these single sites are solely owned (monopoles) by the Anheusers, namely Pfingstweide in Niederhausen and in den Felsen (in the rocks!) in Schlossböckelheim. 80% of the vines are planted on steep or sloping sites, which means plenty of manual labor throughout the year, apart from the vintage time itself with necessary hand picking.

The wines mature in old oak casks in cool underground vaulted cellars. Recent vintages typify the regional character of Nahe wines, marked by fine, crisp acidity, mineral flavors and plenty of concentration; fuller bodied than Mosel and livelier than Rheinhessen wines. Despite old traditions, new innovative wines have been recently introduced, with a larger percentage of dry-style wines, such as the dry Blanc de Noir, classified as white wine yet produced 100% from Pinot Noir. The Stelvin closure has also been introduced since the 2007 vintage.

<http://www.anheuser.de/>



## **Blanc de Noir Pinot Noir Qualitätswein Nahe 2015**

Produced from 100% Pinot Noir only from the Anheuser's estate vineyards in Kreuznach, the grapes are pressed and only the clear-run juice is used. The wine presents a good firm structure with expressive ripe and appealing Pinot Noir flavors, such as cherry, strawberry and other Pinot-like complexities, yet finishes dry.

**87 points**

*Wine Enthusiast* 12/16

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## **Schlossböckelheimer Königsfels Riesling Kabinett 2014**

"This offers flavors of ripe melon, dried mint and spiced apple that are well-knit. Notes of anise on the finish, with candied ginger. Drink now through 2018."

**87 points**

*Wine Spectator web* '16

**87 points**

*Wine Enthusiast* 10/16

2015

**88 points**

*Wine Enthusiast* 08/17

2016

**87 points, "Best Buy"**

*Wine & Spirits* 02/18

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