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WEINKELLEREI, TRIER - GERMANY

## Bernkasteler Kurfürstlay Riesling Kabinett

2015 Mosel Prädikatswein

### Vineyards

Produced from Riesling grapes grown in the vineyards in and around the town of Bernkastel, which is located on the Mosel river between Trier and Koblenz and neighbor to the great wine villages of Wehlen and Graach. **Kurfürstlay** is the actual vineyard name and is classified as a [*Grosslage*], as its grapes are harvested from a collection of individual plots that make up the middle Mosel.

The slate-laden soils of these vineyards ensure that available precipitation reaches the root system of the vines, while providing minerals, as well as warmth gathered and stored from the sun. The northerly latitude of the Mosel region allows for up to 15 hours of sunlight daily during the growing season, which increases ripeness levels of the grapes. The grapes are typically harvested beginning in late September or early October, when at their peak level of flavor and ripeness. The Kabinett designation indicates that this wine is relatively light-bodied with just a touch of residual sweetness. Chaptalisation (adding sugar to enhance fermentation) is not permitted, as the wines are produced strictly from their natural grape sugars.

### Winemaking

After crushing, the grape must is pre-clarified and then fermented using assorted, natural and cultured yeasts, which help enhance the fruit component and add complexity. The wines are "cool" fermented at approximately 15°C (56-60°F) to retain the freshness and vigor of the Riesling grape and enhances the natural fruitiness of the wine.

Once fermentation is complete, the racked wine remains on its lees for a prescribed amount of time to gain additional structure and complexity.

### Tasting notes

A delightfully fruity and refreshing Kabinett offering nice complexity amongst the notes of tropical citrus, white peach and pear. The wine has nice structure with a solid core of acidity keeping everything balanced.

Served chilled (10°C/50°F), this wine is quite versatile - excellent as an aperitif or with a host of lighter fare, including broiled seafood, poultry and mild cheeses.

### Ratings/reviews

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A hint of smoked nut from nose to finish lends a savory tone to this easygoing off-dry Riesling. Straightforward flavors of pressed apple and pear are sunny and bright. The finish is crisp and refreshing. Drink now.

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### Analytical data

alc. by vol.	: 8%
residual sugar	: 49.2 gr/l
acidity	: 8 gr/l



330mm green Schlegel flute; Stelvin/BVS closure