

## Wine Estates in Germany

# BINZ Nackenheim

**Region:** RHEINHESSEN  
**Vineyards:** Nackenheim (Rothenberg, Engelsberg, Schmitts-Kapellchen)  
**Varietals:** Riesling, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Silvaner; Pinot Noir, Dornfelder, Merlot  
**Owner:** the Binz families  
**Winemaker:** Rainer & Manfred Binz

**Remarks:** an estate “driven” by the younger generation of the Binz family, with much devotion and talent, with focus on dry white and red wines.

The Binz family can be traced back to the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century with their vineyards in Nackenheim. Eberhard and Peter Binz built up the estate at that time, followed by Simon Binz, who unfortunately died at an early age, and the estate was inherited by Manfred Binz in 1959. A new house and premises were built in 1960 at the foot of the Rothenberg slope, incorporating a 200-year-old cellars, set into the red sandstone hillside. The buildings and cellars were enlarged in 1976. Today, the sons Rainer and Manfred jr, who have both experienced extensive viticultural training, own and manage the estate; Rainer being responsible in the vineyards, Manfred in the cellars.

Although Nackenheim is one of the smallest wine-producing villages in Rheinhessen, it has an excellent reputation for its wines and is proud of its historical background. It was here that the author Carl Zuckmayer was born. He devoted his play “der fröhliche Weinberg” (the merry vineyard) to the village. Nackenheim is situated on the Rhine, neighbouring to Nierstein. Both the Nackenheimer Rothenberg and Engelsberg as well as the Niersteiner Hipping are highly rated with their red sandstone shist slate soil, ideal for Riesling. The Schmitts-Kapellchen site consists of loamy soils, ideal for their chardonnay pinot varietals.

Yields are kept low, and fermentation of the white varietals takes place in stainless steel. The red wines are produced by traditional mash fermentation. The wines are today sealed with the stelvin closure.

Manfred and Rainer focus mainly on producing dry wines. They have simplified the label to Nackenheimer, without the vineyard designation for their core selection, the estate name and the Binz coat-of-arms. The estate is well-equipped to receive visitors, especially during the Summer months when their wine pub is open to the public at the weekends.



Manfred Binz



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Pinot Gris Kabinett

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