

Wine Estates in Germany

Karp-Schreiber Brauneberg



Region: MOSEL
Vineyards: Braunberg (Juffer-Sonnenuhr, Juffer, Mandelgraben)
Varietals: Riesling
Owner: Alwin Karp
Wine-maker: Jobst-Julius "JJ" Karp

Remarks: A small family-owned estate with top-ranking vineyards, showing passion and devotion to produce great Mosel Riesling.

The estate has been family-owned since 1664, and is today managed by Alwin Karp and his son Jobst-Julius. He has completed viticultural studies and experience abroad, and has already developed a passion to produce fine wines, having taken a responsible position at the estate since the 2008 harvest. Riesling is cultivated on 15 acres of slaty soil, mostly steeply sloping, and including the "grand cru" Juffer-Sonnenuhr, the best part of the Juffer vineyard beneath the rock-face with its sundial. Manual labour is the only alternative on that hillside, with selective hand-harvesting.

Even the Romans discovered that this was one of the best sites to cultivate vines with its special macroclimate. Whilst excavating to replant, remnants of an old Roman pressing house and storage cellars were discovered at the foot of the hillside. The village of Brauneberg ("brown hillside") is on the opposite bank of the Mosel, and the name Juffer dates from the 18th Century, said to relate to daughters of a vintner who never married, remaining virgins (Jungfer in German, or as dialect Jufe).

The Karp family maintain a very high benchmark quality, and the wines are very expressive and concentrated, with a crisp acidity structure, fine fruit and good mineral content. A high percentage of the production is bottled dry.



Alwin Karp in front of the vertical Juffer slope with the prime Juffer-Sonnenuhr beneath the rock face, on the bank of the Mosel



"JJ" & Alwin Karp