

## Langwerth von Simmern Eltville

**Region:** RHEINGAU  
**Vineyards:** Erbach (Marcobrunn), Hattenheim (Mannberg, Wisselbrunnen, Nussbrunnen), Rauenthal (Baiken), Eltville (Sonnenberg)  
**Varietals:** Riesling (96%), pinot varietals  
**Owner:** Baron Langwerth von Simmern  
**Winemaker:** Uwe Lex

**Remarks:** Rheingau estate with aristocratic roots, member of the prestigious VDP group.

The Barons Langwerth von Simmern have dedicated their efforts to fine Rheingau wines since 1464, when Chancellor Johann Langwerth von Simmern received 20 acres of Hattenheimer Mannberg vineyards from the Duke of Pfalz-Zweibrücken for services rendered. In 1472, the family acquired Hattenheim castle and made it their permanent residence. Despite turbulent times, the barons were able to expand their holdings.

In 1711, they moved to Eltville, the cultural centre of the Rheingau, when Philipp Reinhart purchased the Stockheimer Hof, the estate where Baron vom Stein's mother was born a decade later. The foundation for the Langwerther Hof as known today dates from 1753, when Georg Reinhard bought the Lichtenstern mansion. It adjoins Stockheimer Hof to surround the English-style gardens of the estate's park. In past centuries, a director was appointed to run the estate, but now, for the first time in the estate's long history, the owners, Baron Georg and his wife, Baroness Andrea von Simmern manage the estate themselves and today cultivate 31.5 hectares (79 acres). Modernization has taken place within the ancient walls, and wines are now produced under controlled conditions in stainless steel.

### Hattenheimer Mannberg

The estate owns ca. 90% of this site, a source of Langwerth von Simmern wines since 1464. The deep, chalky, loess soils yield powerful, fruity and spicy wines. Connoisseurs appreciate the Mannberg for its very expressive, full-bodied wines as well as its lusciously sweet top growths.

### Erbacher Marcobrunn

Back in the 18th century, the Barons Langwerth von Simmern helped establish the worldwide reputation of Marcobrunn wines. The Czars of Russia, the former imperial president von Hindenburg, and U.S. presidents Jefferson and Eisenhower were lovers of Marcobrunn. Combining full body with refreshing acidity, Marcobrunn wines have an unsurpassed longevity. They need 2-3 years of bottle aging to show their potential.

### Hattenheimer Nussbrunnen

The deep, sandy to loamy soils of this south-facing hillside bring forth racy to full-bodied wines that are rich in aroma. The estate owns ca. 40% of this excellent vineyard, a source of distinctive Riesling wines.

