

## Wine Estates in Germany

# Toni Lorenz Boppard

**Region:** MITTELRHEIN  
**Vineyards:** Bopparder Hamm (Feuerlay, Fässerlay, Mandelstein)  
**Varietals:** Riesling, Grauer Burgunder (pinot gris); Spätburgunder (pinot noir), Rivaner  
**Owner:** Joachim Lorenz  
**Winemaker:** Joachim Lorenz

**Remarks:** Neighbouring to the Mosel region, both in style and charisma, but with more body. A small, but fine estate owned by a devoted and passionate young vintner.

The estate in its present form was founded by Toni Lorenz, and is today managed and owned by his son, Joachim, ably assisted by his wife Martina who also owns and manages the high-class Hotel Landsknecht in the neighbouring town of Sankt Goar. The 400-years-old underground arched cellars of the estate are situated in the centre of Boppard, combining modern technology with old traditions; gentle pressing & processing, controlled cool fermentation, with stainless steel tanks next to old oak casks. Joachim cultivates 10 acres of steeply sloping vineyards on the Bopparder Hamm, with the single sites Feuerlay, Fässerlay and Mandelstein.

The Mittelrhein (Middle Rhine) region, small as it is, but certainly the most picturesque and most spectacular and monumental stretch of the Rhine river in Europe, has a number of vineyards which can produce outstanding qualities with pronounced terroir. The micro-climate shows similarities to the Mosel, with steep slopes up to 65% inclination rising from the meandering river, protected by hillside ranges on both sides. The Bopparder Hamm sites (Hamm being a small village belonging to the town of Boppard) are rightly reknowned for great wines. Dark slate soils produce wines with high flinty mineral content and fine crispness, reminiscent of the Mosel, but with more body and bolder structure.

The Mittelrhein area along the Rhine valley between Koblenz and Rudesheim, locally called the Rhine-Grand-Canyon, with its many castles and the famous Loreley mythe, has now been listed and protected as part of the UNESCO World Heritage.

