

SCHLOSS NEUWEIER Neuweier (Baden)

Region: Baden
Vineyards: Neuweier (Schlossberg, Mauerberg, Heiligenstein)
Varietals: Riesling, Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir)
Owner: Robert Schätzle
Winemaker: Robert Schätzle

Remarks: Centuries of history but now under new and modern ownership, producing richly flavoured dry Baden wines; a member of the prestigious VDP association.

The Castle of Neuweier can look back on 750 years of history with changing noble ownership and destruction, but was restored between 1992 and 2009 by the Jost family, and since 2012 is owned by the Schätzles. Neuweier is situated on the edge of the Rhine valley, nestling into the rising slopes of the Black Forest, and on the opposite side of the river to Alsace. A warm macroclimate in the South of Germany with moisture from the Black Forest hills and a rich terroir founded on granite rocks, mingled with quartz deposited from a nearby former volcano.

A total of 15 hectares (38 acres) are cultivated around the castle on the slopes leading up to the Black Forest. Apart from the normal flute and burgundy-style bottle, Neuweier, near to the spa city of Baden-Baden, is in fact an area of Baden that is permitted to use the Bocksbeutel flagon which is traditional for their Riesling *Mauerwein*, the steep vineyard with natural stone walls built 400 years ago.

The pinot noir is cultivated mainly in the Heiligenstein site, producing elegant and delicate red wines.

The Castle also houses an excellent Michelin star restaurant where the wines can prove their versatility with fine cuisine.

