

# **KESPELHER WINE SHIPPERS GmbH**

Selected German and French Wines

Châteaux - Estates – Regionals

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Weingut Willi Haag  
Brauneberg  
Mosel-Saar-Ruwer: Central Mosel

The Haag's are settled in Brauneberg since the year 1500. The former estate Ferdinand Haag has been splitted in the early 1960's into Fritz Haag and Willi Haag. Both are member of the VDP (Verein deutscher Prädikatsweingüter).

Weingut Willi Haag is owned by the family of Inge (born in 1951) and Marcus (born in 1971) and his sister Susanne who is a pharmacist and not part of the wine business but helps as often as she can. Marcus is the wine-maker and the manager. He has graduated at the famous wine school in Geisenheim as Diplom-Engineer.

The estate has 6 hectares of vineyards in Brauneberg, Veldenz and Mühlheim. The best sites are the "Brauneberger Juffer" with 1.8 hectares and the "Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr" with 0.72 hectares. Both are steep and very steep!!

After the sudden death of his father Dieter young Marcus had to take control of the winery and it took him a few years to find his wine. Today wine writers are rating his wines on one level with his great cousins of Weingut Fritz Haag and Weingut Schloss Lieser. The average yield of Weingut Willi Haag is 60 hl / ha and so the total annual production is 36.000 litres.

More than 80% are finished in a fruity style, 10 % as semi-dry and the remaining as dry.

Besides Germany the wines are being sold in U.S.A., Japan, Great Britain, Ireland, Canada, Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark and the Netherlands.

The vinification is in stainless steel and the winery owns a nice cool cellar in the rocks.

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The Juffer and the Juffer-Sonnenuhr vineyards are in a long stretched slope starting half a mile down stream from the village of Kesten down the Mosel River Bridge at Mühlheim – all the way straight southern exposure - reaching from the river shore up to 300 meter above the sea level. The region is part of the Rhinish Slate mountains and so solid and chisted grey slate is the main material of the soil.

Marcus Haag´s wines are elegant, filigree Braunebergers and they reflect precisely the terroir where they are come from:

The Juffer vineyard produces chunky, juicy, rich and mineral wines while the Juffer-Sonnenuhr shows a lot of gracious elegance and fine structure with citrus aromas in most years.

In his generous tastings Marcus likes to display the various fuders and part of fuders of his carefully selected Auslesen and in the early spring when the wines do not yet have lot numbers we usually separate them by mentioning for examples “the 600 liter Auslese” or “ the 300 liter Auslese”. The best of course are going to the VDP auctions in Trier in September.

Needless to day the Haag wines have a remarkable longevity!