

Bernkasteler Lay Auslese**, Riesling (dry) Markus Molitor

Mosel, Germany



Product code	KL34ZZWC
Grapes	Riesling
Country	Germany
ABV%	12.0%
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	
Vintage	2020



Vegan



Vegetarian

MARKUS MOLITOR

Producer

Described as 'The Lord of the 1,000 Rieslings', Markus Molitor took over the responsibility of his parents' 7.5 acre estate in 1984. Vision, drive and an uncompromising devotion to quality have increased the holding to 125 acres in 18 appellations of the steepest and most coveted vineyard sites along the banks of the Mosel. In the spirit of authenticity and terroir, all of these wines are fermented naturally – no cultured yeasts, no fining agents, no enzymes and no other additives are ever used. The bottle capsules are colour coded to give an indication of the style of the wine.

Tasting Notes

Riesling Bernkasteler Lay Auslese** (White Capsule) is clear, pure, precise and fresh on the nose that delivers crushed lime zest and chutney aromas. Lush and piquant on the palate, this is a rich and concentrated yet challenging Lay with enormous acidity, tannin grip and mineral tension.

Viticulture

This steep 11 hectare (27 acres) west-southwest-facing site is characterised by finely-weathered slate. Our optimally-situated plots feature ancient vines. Wines from the Bernkasteler Lay are finesseful, with firm, elegant structure and very mineral, with ripe acidity and abundant interplay of flavors.

Winemaking

The grapes were harvested in October. 100% healthy grapes were crushed softly and macerated for several hours on the flavourfully grape skins. After maceration the juice was fermented in large wooden barrels by natural yeasts only. A long-term storage on the fine lees followed fermentation, which resulted in a fine fruity and well-balanced wine.

Ratings

S. Reinhardt – Wine Advocate, Oct 2020

Drink Date: 2026-2045