

# HB Wine Merchants presents wines from St. Urbans-Hof



GERMANY-SAAR

## Zickelgarten, Spätlese Riesling

Ockfen, Germany



### Brand Highlights

- Third generation wine making family, the second largest family owned and operated winery in the Mosel.
- 100% Riesling from a diverse clonal selection. Special attention is paid to terrior and vine health.
- All estate fruit, fermented with ambient yeast to maintain vineyard typicity and

### The Estate

Zickelgarten lies in the heart of the Ockfener Bockstein vineyard on a convex curve of a steep slope. This "monopole" vineyard was once owned by the Kesselstadt firm, but Nik Weis has purchased the missing piece in 2009. Recognizing the unique and superior quality of this parcel, Nik has decided to vinify and bottle this wine separately only in exceptional years. It will always be a Spätlese (late-harvest) ripeness release where the intensity and distinctive characteristics of this site are best displayed.

### Wine Making

The Riesling is gently crushed then left to rest in the press for up three hours to allow the components locked in the berries' skins to be extracted by contact with the juice. The grapes are then pneumatically pressed, and drained by gravity into stainless steel tanks located immediately below the presses. The juice rests overnight to allow the sediment to settle. Later the clear juice will be racked into other tanks. The wines ferment spontaneously with the yeasts which are found naturally in the cellar, or which come into the cellar from the pressed skins and ferment the juice naturally. By allowing this to happen a complex array of flavors may develop. They truly stand apart from industrial Rieslings which show only one or two dimensions, ones which quickly tire the palate.

### Tasting Notes

Elderflower, lilac, violet, and rose are the floral notes attributed to these wines along with the aforementioned smoky minerality. These Ockfener Bocksteins are the most refined and playful of St. Urbans-Hof's wines.

### Press

- 2012 Vintage 93 Points Wine Spectator
- 2011 Vintage 92 Points Wine Spectator

### Product Specifications

- Available in 750ml only with natural cork
- UPC Code: 8 75734 00126 1
- SCC Code: 1 08 75734 00127 5
- Case dimensions: 10.25"x13.75"x12.08"