



## Bastgen Blauschiefer Riesling

*Germany - Mosel*

### ABOUT THE WINERY

Founded in 1850, Weingut Bastgen is located on the tiny hamlet of Monzel, not far from Bernkastel-Keus. The current owners are husband-and-wife team Armin Vogel and Mona Bastgen, who began working in the winery in 1993.

Mona and Armin meticulously tend 16 acres of vines growing in slate soil, 80% of which is Riesling. The vineyards are located in Kesten, known for its impressively steep terrace overlooking the Mosel River, and planted to 50-year old vines. The vines produce very small, ripe berries that are very tasty. The average total production is 3,300 cases. Bastgen is a member of the elite Bernkasteler Ring.

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Blauschiefer Riesling is bright, clean, fresh and zesty. Grapefruit like flavors. Fruity aromas and a nice minerality, typical of the Riesling grape grown on blue slate soil. Round, rich and a very long finish.

*"From nose to finish, this is an ebulliently fruity wine offering loads of concentrated white peach and apricot notes. It's just a shade off-dry and an easy people-pleaser, but it's also a surprisingly stealthy wine with a finish that feels cut by shards of slate and salt. An elegant, satisfying wine with wide appeal. - Anna LEE C. IJIMA"*

- Wine Enthusiast (October 2019), 89 pts



Vintage	2018
Appellation	Mosel
Varietal(s)	100% Riesling
Soil	Devonian slate. The blue-grey stone works as drainage for heavy rains, as well as a heat reservoir (it absorbs the sun's energy and returns in at night), which is important for the ripening process of the grapes at the end of summer.
Vines	50+ years old. The vines are planted along the steep slopes of the Mosel river, which are mostly facing east-south-west direction. The roots of the vines are growing deep in the rocky slate soil, lending a mineral taste to the wine.
Size	12/750ml
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