

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

GERMANY



## Mehringer “Alte Reben”



Mosel

### Brand Highlights

- Third generation wine-making family, one of the largest family owned and operated estate wineries in the Mosel
- 100% Riesling from a diverse clonal selection with special attention paid to terroir and vine health
- All estate fruit, fermented with ambient yeast to maintain vineyard typicity and vineyard character

### The Estate

The Mehringer is a dry “village” wine. The grapes for this wine are grown in selected old parcels of Mehringer Blattenberg, a vineyard site which used to be cultivated by monks in the Middle Ages. Since only the best wines were served to the head of the monastery (the “abbot”), the monks looked for the best vineyard sites. The microclimate is strongly influenced by the Mosel River which reflects the sunlight and collects the warmth of the daily sun while the nights remain cool. Both natural effects lead to better growing conditions for the vines thus better grape qualities for winemaking. The vineyard site is also windy which is advantageous since the grapes dry off quickly—this helps the grapes remain healthy and it also promotes thicker skins which allow more flavors to develop in the grape. “Alte Reben” means “old vines” in German and the wine in this bottle comes from vines that are almost 70 years old.

### 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

Grown on blue slate, this is a dry Riesling with deep structure and elegance. The bouquet is spicy and boasts flavors of citrus, grapefruit, ripe peach and Golden Delicious apples. Aged in German oak barrels, the round and mineral character truly leads the aromatic complexity of this wine, while a fresh acidity structure keeps the wine's finesse. Pair with veal, seafood, poultry, pasta or risotto dishes.

### Press

- ◆ 2022 Vintage **90 Points**—Wine Spectator
- ◆ 2021 Vintage **92 Points**—James Suckling
- ◆ 2021 Vintage **90 Points**—Vinous
- ◆ 2020 Vintage **93 Points**—James Suckling
- ◆ 2019 Vintage **92 Points**—James Suckling

### Product Specifications

- Available in: 750mL w/Natural Cork
- UPC: 8 75734 00150 6
- SCC: 1 08 75734 00150 3
- Case (in.): 13 x 10 x 14.9