
The Wines of Andreas Bender The Mosel and Pfalz, Germany



- For the past four years, the young Andreas Bender was the managing director and winemaker for the LEO winery. Andreas has now branched out on his own. Andreas purchased his own winery in the Mosel this year.
- The Bender winery is very young and cutting edge. The winery is one of the few in Germany to make wines in two regions: the Mosel and the Pfalz. This allows Bender to produce outstanding Mosel Rieslings and red wines from Pfalz

Rosé Secco - A sparkling Rosé from Pinot Noir and Merlot. Fruit forward with fresh strawberries and lime sorbet. Soft bubbles make this sparkler very good-friendly for lighter fare

White 2009 - A blend of Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Blanc, this white delivers plenty of clear, crisp citrus and exotic fruits. Dry but light in alcohol, this wine is a great accompaniment to shell fish and sushi.

Red 2007- The Bender Red is a blend of Pinot Noir, Merlot and Cabernet that has been aged in used barriques. On the palate, dark cherries, blackberry and cassis with a good acidic finish that makes this wine an excellent accompaniment to pasta dishes with red sauce, enchiladas or salmon on the grill.

Pinot Blanc 2009 - A Pinot Blanc with great fruit and minerality along with a good backbone. On the nose, herbs and flowers. On the palate, the wine expresses green mango, green apple and pear matched with intense minerality and well-integrated acidity on the finish.

Pinot Noir 2007 - Pinot Noir is also a specialty of the Pfalz. Bender's Pinot could be described as fusion-style. He ages his Pinot in French, American and Russian oak barriques. The style is a bit Burgundy, a bit California, but with roots firmly planted in Germany's Pinot traditions.

Chardonnay Eiswein 2007 - A Chardonnay Eiswein is fairly uncommon. In a blind tasting, this Eiswein won the contract with Lufthansa airlines to provide a dessert wine for the first class cabin. Rich and viscous, this Chardonnay Eiswein is chock full of creamy apple, pear and tropical fruit. I true hedonistic delight.

