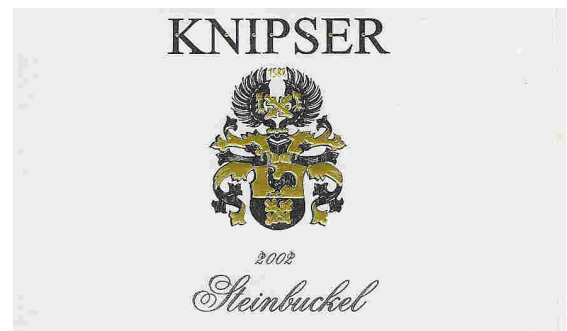


The Wines of Weingut Knipser Laumersheim in the Pfalz, Germany



- The Knipser winery is run by the talented and genial brothers Werner and Volker Knipser in the small village of Laumersheim.
- The Knipsers are considered one of the top red wine houses of Germany, excelling with Pinot Noir, Cabernet, Merlot and Syrah. They also produce highly-rated white wines. The Knipsers make excellent dry Rieslings, but also cultivate other varietals, such as Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and Gewurztraminer.
- Named “Winery of the Year 2009” by Gault Millau Weinguide Deutschland 2009
- Winner of Decanter Magazine’s International Trophy for “Best Sweet Wine in the World 2005”. November 2005 Decanter
- 92 points - 2007 Syrah R - Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
- 94 points - 2006 Kirschgarten Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir) - Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
- 94 points - 2006 Im Grossen Garten Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir) - Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
- 93 points - 2004 Spätburgunder Mergelweg (Pinot Noir) - Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
- “BEST DRY RIESLING OF GERMANY, WORLD WINE AWARDS - 2004 Himmelsrech Riesling Grosses Gewächs - Decanter Magazine

Owner and winemaker:	Werner and Volker Knipser
Vineyard Area:	22 Hectares
Annual Production:	120,000 bottles
Best Vineyards:	Laumerscheimer Mandelberg and Kirschgarten, Grosskarlbacher Burgweg, Dirmstreiner Mandelpfad
Soil Types:	Sandy loam, partly with gravel, on a limestone subsoil
Grape Varieties:	22% Spätburgunder, 20% Riesling, 9% Chardonnay, 7% St. Laurent, 6% Dornfelder, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Weissburgunder, 3% Grauburgunder, 24% other varieties
Average Yield:	74hl/ha
Fermentation & Aging:	Stainless steel tanks, large oak casks, French oak barriques



Blauer Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir) 2008 - This is the entry-level Pinot Noir from Knipser. This Pinot Noir packed with fruit and structure. Allspice, forest floor & smokey pinot noir aromas. Bright cherry & cake spice flavors with long, spicy finish.

Bergweg Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir) 2007 - This Pinot Noir delivers plenty of bright red cherry and berry fruit and hints of toasted oak and allspice flavors. **92 points** - Stephan Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar

Kirchgarten Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir) 2006 - This Pinot Noir is velvety smooth and elegant with bright cherries and subtly minerality on the finish. **94 points** - Stephan Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar

Chardonnay & Weissburgunder 2008 - 70% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Blanc. Fermented in stainless steel. Clean, lemony aromas. Loads of lemon-lime, apple and pear fruit with a crisp, refreshing finish. **90 points** - Wine Advocate

Gewurztraminer & Riesling Spatlese 2007 - This wine is a 50/50 blend of the two grapes that were picked at Spätlese level of ripeness. The style of wine was popular in the 19th century in Europe. Winemakers would often blend the two grapes together with the Riesling providing more acidity to the wine. This wine shows tropical fruit and Gewurz spiciness balanced by orchard fruits and good Riesling acidity.

Laumersheimer Kapellenberg Riesling Kabinett Trocken 2007 - This is a dry Kabinett Riesling that is an amazing value. The wine shows elegance and plenty of citrus, apple and pear flavors that carry through the crisp, clean finish. **88 points** - Wine Enthusiast

2008 Mandelpfad Riesling Grosses Gewächs (Grand Cru) - Mandelpfad is one of three grand cru Rieslings produced by Knipser.. The German Grand Cru style is always dry! This Riesling packs a lot of power. Citrus, apples and pears and intense minerality dominate. Finishes long! 458 cases produced. 13% Alc. **92 points** - Stephan Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar