



von Hövel

# Scharzhofberger Riesling Spatlese

**THE ESTATE:** Eberhard von Kunow is proprietor of the estate at Oberemmel that has been in the same family for six generations. He and his wife Hildegard reside in the old manor house which many visitors liken to an old castle. The manor house, completed in the 12th century, was initially an added retreat for the famous wine-monastery of St. Maximin in Trier. Over the years many things have changed above the foundation, but the cellar is today just as it was 800 years ago.

**THE VINEYARD:** Though some dry (trocken) wines are produced, fruity style Riesling wines predominate. The estate owns about 26 acres of vineyards and has a production of about 5,000 cases. The Oberemmeler Hütte is the largest holding with 12.5 acres and is wholly owned by the von Kunow family. A portion of the Oberemmeler Baldwinsberg (6.25 acres) and of the famous Scharzhofberg (7.5 acres) round out the estate. The vineyards are planted to 100% Riesling.

**VINIFICATION:** The von Kunows, even though respectful of tradition, use the latest methods in their vineyards and in marketing their wines. As a cellar master Eberhard, who is also the auctioneer for the wine auctions at Trier and Bernkastel, uses the old tried and true methods. All wine is fermented and matured in 100% German oak until bottled.

**TASTING NOTES:** A classic Saar valley Riesling from the world-famous Scharzhofberg vineyard. Noble, subtle fruity nose reminiscent of green apple, grapefruit and peach. On the palate with a distinct acidity paired with deep minerality and a juicy mouthfeel. Despite high residual sugar, the wine demonstrates a more off-dry taste given the racy acidity which is typical for the great Rieslings from the Saar.

