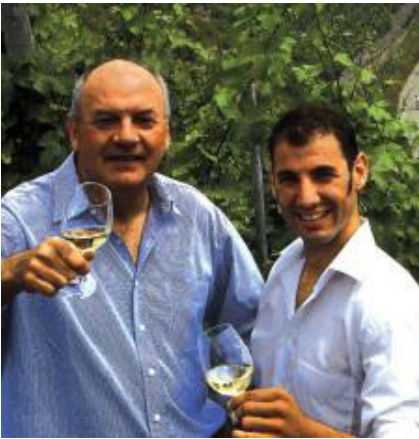


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OVERVIEW | Florian Lauer, who works together with his father, makes some of the most impressive wines in the Saar-Mosel region. He focuses on dry-tasting Saar Riesling from the first-class vineyard Aylar Kupp, which ferment with wild yeasts on their fine lees in the traditional oak casks. The combination of finesse and depth defines these wines' style.

VINEYARD AREA: 6.5 hectares

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 45,000 bottles

TOP SITES: Aylar Kupp and Saarfelser

SOIL TYPES: Devonian slate

GRAPE VARIETIES: riesling

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | Florian Lauer, who studied oenology in Montpellier, is the 5th-generation hands-on owner/winemaker of this 6.5-ha (16.1 acres) Saar domaine. In addition to his studies in the south of France, he learned from his father Peter's experience and skills. While Florian tends to the vines and raises the wines himself, he relies on his father and grandfather's procedure of bottling the wines according to individual Faß (cask) numbers. Today, Florian perpetuates this tradition of keeping the cask numbers on the label, while blending among the barrels to achieve a specific style.

Since the family owns a hotel-restaurant, most of their production is sold locally and is not exported. In fact, their wines are sold out every year. In the past, the well-respected wine writer David Schildknecht imported Florian's father's wines for his retail clientele.

Many of the famous Saar estates produce their Riesling with higher amounts of residual sugar from blocked fermentations; Florian focuses on dry-tasting wines. He prefers to ferment with wild yeasts on the fine lees for a longer upbringing in the traditional old oak Fuders.

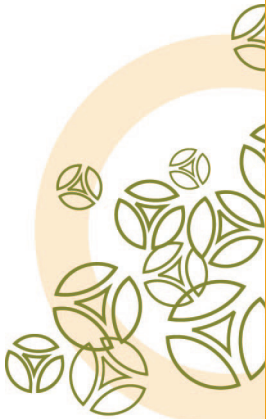
The majority of their holdings are in the grand cru single-vineyard Aylar Kupp, a steep south- to southwest-facing site with predominantly gray Devonian slate. As with many other famous sites, including the renowned Scharzhofberg, its boundaries have expanded beyond the core area. Before 1973, the original Kupp hillside had site-specific names that the Lauers still use today on their labels: Unterstenbersch (patois for Unterstenberg, or "at the foot of the hill"), Stirn (a site higher up), and Kern (a parcel that includes a cross-section of the hillside further to the west). The Lauers have additional plots in surrounding vineyards, among them the steep Saarfelser, a top site with an alluvial soil consisting of large round stones and slate.

The wine style at Lauer reflects the Saar: bright acidity with good minerality.

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Lauer Riesling Trocken Senior Fass 6 Aylar Kupp

Lauer Riesling Trocken Unterstenbersch Fass 12 Aylar Kupp



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