



# NIK WEIS

## ST. URBANS-HOF



### LAYET GG

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Cultivated with vines since the Middle Age
- Historical wine landscape, no land consolidation
- Vines up to 100 years, that grow on steep slate terraces

Jancis Robinson:	18 p. (vintage 2018)
James Suckling:	95 p. (vintage 2019)
Vinum Weinguide:	92 p. (JG 2018); 93 p. (vintage 2019)
Yves Beck :	94-96 p. (vintage 2019)

#### INFORMATION

GRAPE VARIETY	100 % Riesling
TRELLISING	Single posts
AGE OF VINES	40-100 years
VINIFICATION	Fermented by indigenous yeasts in stainless steel tanks
SERVE AT	8°C
ALCOHOL	APPROX. 13% VOL.

#### THE VINEYARD

In 2006 Daniela Weis - Nik's wife bought a plot of 1 hectares in the Mehringer Blattenberg vineyard, which was called "Layet" until the vineyard reform in 1971 and is till today one of the best vineyard parcels on the Mosel river between Schweich and Neumagen. This parcel, which had been in the possession of the prince abbey of Prüm for centuries, became the property of the Prussian crown after the Napoleonic War and was subsequently part of the Winery Friedrich-Wilhelm-Gymnasium (FWG) in Trier, where this parcel at last enjoyed a reputation as a crown jewel. Over the past 13 years the team around Nik Weis has more and more learned that this plot is and has always been a special vineyard and was also recognized and classified in 2017 by the VDP as LAYET VDP.GROSSE LAGE®. LAYET is one of the few historical vineyard locations on the Mosel river and was not subjected to land consolidation. The appearance is very impressive with protruding rocky outcrops and arduous slate terraces, on which vineyards with vines of more than 100 years thrive. The proximity to the Mosel, which is very wide at this point, favors a light-flooded, warm microclimate in which the vines grow well. As a result, the old grapevines supports the formation of highly aromatic grapes with small earnings.

#### THE WINE

The mineral character on the nose is seduced by earthy-spicy notes that remind of wet stones or the air after a summer storm. Typical aromas for the Middle-Mosel like ripe apples, juicy peaches and spicy-refreshing citrus notes can be found in this wine. On the palate, the wine proves that it is a delicate, smooth Riesling with a silky structure and strong grip that is less concerned with primary fruit aromas than with its mineral character. The long finish underlines the character of this expressive and dense Riesling with enormous aging potential.

VDP.Grosses Gewächs (GG) stands for the peak of the iceberg of Germany's top-notch dry Riesling and is subject to strict production regulations. At Nik Weis - St. Urbans-Hof, Nik's father Hermann started to grow fine dry wines in the 1970ies when most winemakers still produced sweet wines only. More important, he built the fundament for today's experience in the dry wine section by doing a real pioneer work at this time. To ensure the best growing conditions, Nik Weis and his team focus on the vineyards and work them manually by practicing a sustainable and defensive soil tillage and canopy work. Yields are kept very low in order to increase the quality. Only the finest and healthiest grapes with a full aromatic complexity and ripe acidity are harvested in several steps by hand. The gently pressed must is fermented with indigenous yeasts before the young wine rests for several months in tanks. No finings are done and bottling usually takes place in the following summer.

LAYET GG is well served with Piccata Milanese, Saltimbocca à la Romana, roast pork, Coq au Riesling, spicy tuna tartare or grilled trout with cucumber-dill salad.

