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The Obermosel is the southernmost part of the Mosel river, south of the Saar near the border of Luxembourg. Just next door is the Sauer Valley, where Michael Fürst operates his small family estate, one of the area's last surviving wineries. The Fürst family has grown grapes and other crops at their estate since the 13th century, and Michael is the third generation to make wine under the family name. From

his rolling slopes of limestone, he offers a slew of light-bodied, fun-spirited whites and reds. We are enthralled by his delicious, single vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, a rare sighting in Germany, and a revelation for fans of this grape. But the main focus here is on the historic Elbling grape, a great old Germanic variety once planted more widely than Riesling in Germany. Today its range is limited to the cool, steep banks of the Obermosel, Sauer, and neighboring Luxembourg. There are 12 hectares of Elbling planted at Fürst, 70% of which are old vines, 25% between 10-20 years old, and 5% young. His total Elbling production is under 10,000 cases and the quality is high, vintage after vintage. We are very proud to represent one of the few small family wineries still working with this fascinating grape variety.