Member of Bernkasteler Ring and produces 200 000 bottles annually.
Many people remark that visiting with Alfred and Rolf Merkelbach at their home in Ürzig is like traveling into the past; not much has changed here in 50 years, including the brother?s approach to winemaking. Well into their seventies, Alfred and Rolf still tend the vines and make the wines with little help: heading into the steep Würzgarten and Treppchen to tie the posts, harvest, and then even racking off the large fuders they use for fermentation and blending. The vineyard holdings of this tiny, 1,9 hectar estate are divided between the Ürziger Würzgarten, Erdener Treppchen, and Kinheimer Rosenberg. Wine cultivation is ancient on these sites, lying just off the Mosel between Ürzig and Erden is the excavation of a Roman press house. Some of Merkelbach?s vines remaines on original rootstock, with an average vine age of 45 years. The Merkelbachs are firm believers in tradition, and while changes in climate and style preferences have pushed up must weights and produced profoundly riper wines, the brothers craft wines of a style more typical to an era long forgotten. Kabinetten are still refreshing, Spätlesen taste like Spätlesen, and oechsle levels rarely exceed the Pradikät range.
The Merkelbachs vinify each parcel separately, each fuder representing a different parcel. Because of their tiny cellar, their pradikät wines will never be a blend of any more than 2 parcels together, indicated by the fuder numbers on the label?s AP code.
In 2019, Selbach-Oster bought the winery. From the vintage 2020, it is Johannes Selbach that is the winemaker. He has made minimal changes, since the vines and the winery are in very good condition.

Hvitvin (75 cl)	Veil H pris:	V nr:	EPD nr:	SAP nr:
Merkelbach Ûrziger Würzgarten Kabinett 2020 -	kr. 312,80	13677101	6310312	34153
Merkelbach Kinheimer Rosenberg Spätlese 2020 -	kr. 321,40	13676901	6482673	34151
Merkelbach Ûrziger Wûrzgarten Auslese 2020 -	kr. 358,30	13677001	6482749	34152
Merkelbach Riesling Trocken 2020 -	kr. 260,20	13676801	6482699	34150