



**Artur Steinmann**  
*Sommerhausen (Franken)*

**“Weingut im Pastoriushaus”**

Artur Steinmann was founded in the Medieval walled Franconian village of Sommerhausen on the Main River in 1916 by Artur’s grandfather Karl. The family home and winery are located in the residence on Sommerhausen’s market square where Daniel Pastorius—the first German emigrant to America and founder of



Germantown, Pennsylvania—was born. A visit to Sommerhausen today is a step into the 17<sup>th</sup> century, charmingly maintained.

The Artur Steinmann estate includes 28 acres on Sommerhausen’s best slopes, featuring fully half of the great Steinbach overlooking the village, and the best part of Ölspiel. While a wide variety of grapes is grown—both white and red as is typical of the region—the best wines are produced

from Riesling and Silvaner. It is in Franken, on the shell-limestone slopes, that Silvaner achieves its highest quality, rivaling the elegance and transparency of all but the better Rieslings. Franken Rieslings are known more for power than finesse, yet Steinmann’s **Pastorius** Riesling (Sommerhäuser Steinbach) retains freshness and finesse.

Artur Steinmann practices low-yield viticulture and careful berry selection prior to undergoing natural fermentation in small lots, using both stainless steel tanks and cured German oak ovals. The best whites are dry, and are bottled in the traditional, squat *bocksbeutel* (from *bugsbeutel*, a medieval water flask designed to be worn close to the body).



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