

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION**of 3 August 2018****on the publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* of the single document referred to in Article 94(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and of the reference to the publication of the product specification for a name in the wine sector****(Uhlen Laubach (PDO))**

(2018/C 277/05)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 97(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Germany has sent an application for protection of the name 'Uhlen Laubach' in accordance with Section 2 of Chapter I of Title II of Part II of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.
- (2) In accordance with Article 97(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 the Commission has examined that application and concluded that the conditions laid down in Articles 93 to 96, Article 97(1), and Articles 100, 101 and 102 of that Regulation are met.
- (3) In order to allow for the submission of statements of objection in accordance with Article 98 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, the single document referred to in Article 94(1)(d) of that Regulation and the publication reference of the product specification made in the course of the preliminary national procedure for examining the application for protection of the name 'Uhlen Laubach' should be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The single document established in accordance with Article 94(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and the reference to the publication of the product specification for the name 'Uhlen Laubach' (PDO) are contained in the Annex to this Decision.

In accordance with Article 98 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, the publication of this Decision shall confer the right to object to the protection of the name specified in the first paragraph of this Article within two months from the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 3 August 2018.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

ANNEX

SINGLE DOCUMENT

‘Uhlen Laubach’

PDO-DE-02082

Submission date of application: 26.3.2015

1. Name(s) to be registered

Uhlen Laubach

2. Geographical indication type

PDO — Protected designation of origin

3. Categories of grapevine products

1. Wine

5. Quality sparkling wine

4. Description of the wine(s)*Quality wine*

White Riesling wines are matured on the Uhlen Laubach estate. There are three types of grapevine product, each with slightly different properties: quality wine, wine with special attributes (Prädikatswein) and Sekt b.A. (quality sparkling wine from defined regions).

Young Uhlen Laubach wines have a pale yellow, occasionally greenish colour which becomes more intense as the product ages before turning a rich, luscious golden colour once the wine has fully matured. The wines' aromas are defined by the interplay of fruity notes and hints of typical slate minerals. With a lime content of 25 to 45 %, the grey Laubach slate is one of the most calcareous rocks in the Mosel region. This explains the aroma, which often has hints of cool smoke and hazelnuts, and the generally fuller, soft flavour of the wines that mature there. Warm and velvety, many of the wines have a fascinating fullness and depth of flavour. The wines are creamy and generally ready to drink after a very short maturation period.

General analytical characteristics

Maximum total alcoholic strength (% volume):	15,0
Minimum actual alcoholic strength (% volume):	11,5
Minimum total acidity:	5,0 grams per litre expressed as tartaric acid
Maximum volatile acidity (milliequivalents per litre):	1,08
Maximum total sulphur dioxide (milligrams per litre):	250

Wine with special attributes (Prädikatswein), supplemented by: Auslese

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General analytical characteristics

Maximum total alcoholic strength (% volume):	41,0
Minimum actual alcoholic strength (% volume):	5,5
Minimum total acidity:	7,0 grams per litre expressed as tartaric acid
Maximum volatile acidity (milliequivalents per litre):	2,1
Maximum total sulphur dioxide (milligrams per litre):	350

Wine with special attributes (Prädikatswein), with the additional designation Beerenauslese, Trockenbeerenauslese or Eiswein

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General analytical characteristics

Maximum total alcoholic strength (% volume):	41,0
Minimum actual alcoholic strength (% volume):	5,5
Minimum total acidity:	7,0 milliequivalents per litre
Maximum volatile acidity (milliequivalents per litre):	2,1
Maximum total sulphur dioxide (milligrams per litre):	400

Sekt b.A. (quality sparkling wine from defined regions)

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General analytical characteristics

Maximum total alcoholic strength (% volume):	13,5
Minimum actual alcoholic strength (% volume):	11,5
Minimum total acidity:	5,0 grams per litre expressed as tartaric acid
Maximum volatile acidity (milliequivalents per litre):	1,08
Maximum total sulphur dioxide (milligrams per litre):	185

5. **Wine-making practices**a. **Essential oenological practices**

Relevant restrictions on making the wines

The following are not permitted: potassium sorbate, lysozyme, dimethyl dicarbonate, electro dialysis, dealcoholisation, cation exchangers, concentration (cryoconcentration, osmosis, conical centrifuge column), sweetening with grape must, oak chips or preparations.

Quality wine

Specific oenological practice

At least 88 °Oechsle; maximum acidity = 7,5 g/l; fortification up to max. 14,0 % by volume

Up to 100 °Oechsle and fortified wines: maximum residual sugar content = 'semi-dry' under wine law

Over 100 °Oechsle: maximum residual sugar content = must weight/3

Wine with special attributes (Prädikatswein)

Specific oenological practice

Auslese: at least 105 °Oechsle; minimum residual sugar content = 90 g/l

Beerenauslese: at least 130 °Oechsle; minimum residual sugar content = 150 g/l

Trockenbeerenauslese: at least 180 °Oechsle; minimum residual sugar content = 180 g/l

Eiswein: at least 130 °Oechsle; minimum residual sugar content = 150 g/l

Sekt b.A. (quality sparkling wine from defined regions)

Specific oenological practice: traditional bottle fermentation

b. **Maximum yields**

70 hectolitre per hectare

6. **Demarcated area**

Uhlen Laubach is part of the PDO 'Mosel' (registration No PDO-DE-A1270).

The Uhlen Laubach vineyards are located in the Winnigen area of the rural district of Mayen-Koblenz in the Federal State of Rhineland-Palatinate. This part of the Uhlen region has been known in the world of wine and elsewhere for over 10 years as 'Laubach', a name derived from the exact geological definition of the slate found here. The area begins downstream with parcels 256/112, 2571/118, 2581/119, 2398/0, 2395/3, 2393/0 and ends downstream with parcel 2222/1.

Products bearing the PDO 'Uhlen Laubach' may be produced in the 'Mosel' registered PDO area (registration No PDO-DE-A1270). The defined area is covered by the PDO 'Mosel'. The Uhlen Laubach estate covers an area of 12,84 ha.

7. **Main wine grapes**

Weißer Riesling

8. Description of the link(s)

The Uhlen Laubach vineyards lie within the terraced landscape of the Lower Mosel. The Uhlen Laubach terraces are arranged in a traditional configuration with a south-westerly orientation and are located at an altitude of between about 75 m and 210 m above sea level. At 11,6 °C, the average temperature over the past five years has been relatively high, as would be expected at such a low altitude. The low levels of rainfall (approx. 620 mm) and the high number of hours of sunshine (1 922) produce a microclimate which is quite different from the other 'Mosel' PDO areas and is responsible for the particular maturity of the grapes (high potential alcoholic strength with low acidity and mature phenols). The wines are said to be highly expressive and to have a very full flavour. The particular geological conditions of the Uhlen Laubach region help the grapes to achieve physiological maturity and shape the individual flavour of the wines that are grown there. Within the geological time scale, Uhlen Laubach comes under the Devonian system, Lower Devonian series. More specifically, the area consists of sediments from the Oberems/Laubach and Lahnstein sub-levels and Laubach and Hohenrhein layers. The high lime content of the slate found in the area is indicative of the increasing flattening of the sea floor. No more than 10 to 20 metres deep, the tropical sea originally contained enough oxygen to allow the growth of corals and mussels which are now contained in the slate. The resulting weathered rocky soil is a regosol made up of various slates, most of them silty. The lime content of the soil is much higher than in the neighbouring PDO areas, meaning that the pH of the soil is also higher (7,5, compared with 6,0 in the neighbouring areas). The individual soil particles are held together for the most part by carbonates. The fact that the soil contains relatively few clay particles but has a high stone content (of over 50 %) means that it is well aerated right down to its lower layers. This, combined with the high lime content and the specific microflora and microfauna, in particular, means that the wines of this region have very different organoleptic properties from those produced in the neighbouring PDO areas. Uhlen Laubach wines often have a slightly smoky scent. Their flavour is usually said to be full and soft, mild and velvety. They are much creamier than the wines of the neighbouring PDO areas. They are generally ready to drink after a very short maturation period. The human influence is based on a wine-growing tradition that goes back thousands of years. The art of planting vineyards on terraces supported by dry stone walls can be traced back to Roman times. In AD 380 the Roman poet Ausonius described such constructions as 'amphitheatres'. The discovery of Roman coins in the terraces, which were presumably intended as offerings, is further evidence of this practice. Wine has been grown in the area ever since. Over the centuries the quality of production has constantly been improved by developing new varieties of grape (since the early 19th century the Riesling variety) and new ways of training them (in bushes, on stakes or in wire frames). In recent decades, growing environmental awareness has resulted mainly in less and less use being made of highly soluble mineral fertilisers. The natural microflora and microfauna populations have returned to the soil as a result, causing both nutrient absorption and cation exchange processes to take place increasingly as a result of the incorporation of complex molecules interacting symbiotically with microbes found on the root hairs. These microbes can be used as transmitters between the specific organic substances and minerals contained in the soil, thus making the flavour of the wine even more unique.

The link described above applies equally to Sekt b.A. wines.

9. Essential further conditions

Legal framework:

In national legislation

Type of further condition:

Additional labelling requirements

Description of the condition:

The information to be provided on the labels and packaging is defined by the laws and regulations in force in the European Union, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Federal State of Rhineland-Palatinate. Before the traditional terms associated with this designation of origin may be used on its label, the wine must have passed an official inspection. Only wines which have met the particular requirements of that official inspection are issued with an official inspection number consisting of several digits indicating the inspection authority, the holding number, the number of wines submitted for inspection and the year in which they were submitted or in which the inspection number was issued. The inspection number must be indicated on the label. The traditional terms 'Qualitätswein', 'Prädikatswein' and 'Sekt b.A.' are associated with the designation of origin and may replace the designation 'PDO'.

Link to the product specification

http://www.ble.de/DE/04_Programme/09_EU-Qualitaetskennzeichen/02_EUBezeichnungenWein/Antraege.html?nn=3057588