

In harmony with nature, the family Longen cultivates the slopes of a Moselle Valley and can look back on a long tradition of generations. Now they offer an idyll: an orchard - surrounded by orchards. On their property of 6.500 sqm the family provides its guests the most primary way of living that permits to enjoy the structures of a wine and fruit production, the setting of a village and to experience a life in harmony with nature. Italian architect Matteo Thun, well known for his holistic and sustainable approach to architecture and interior design, has supported the family's project with integral planning and implementation. Local architect Stein-Hemmes-Wirtz supervised the building process – landscape architect Johannes Cox designed the individual gardens with attention to the detail. Embedded in fruit trees, the new vineyard houses convey the philosophy of the Longen family. Surrounded by fruit and walnut, limes and chestnuts trees, Longen's guests live in small houses built with local stone and appearing as typical winery lodges. Each of the 20 houses has access to a small wooden terrace and an own private garden. Some of them can be connected to 'family-houses'. "Eatable" raspberry bushes line the gardens; the own harvest can be enjoyed on the terrace. A classic kitchen or herb garden serves as a basic shape – but when choosing a house the guest can select the type of garden - a shade garden, a simple herb-rich cottage garden, an opulent orchard, or a fragrant rose garden. The design of the 20 square meter slate houses is pure, bright and clear. Lots of wood, plenty of white, original fabrics and natural materials determine the interior's composition. The wooden floor connects the indoor with the terrace - a big glass door bridges inside and outside. The project has been assigned with the "Architekturpreis Wine 2013", conferred by the Department of the Environment, Agriculture, Nutrition, Viniculture and Forestry of Rhineland-Palatinate, the Chamber of Architects of the same state and the German Association of Viniculture.