



Pinot Gris 2018

Open, fruity, full-bodied and well balanced

Appellation:

Alsace

Locality:

Various locations around Ribeauvillé: Unterturnert, Rengelsbrunn, Weinbaum, Kesselacker, Jungholtz.

Type of soil:

The vineyards that gave this wine are located in the geological fracture zone of Ribeauvillé. They constitute a territory which is highly geologically fragmented. They are above areas with hard chalk, clay and marl from the Liassic and Triassic periods, sandstone clay, and calcareous, chalky conglomerates from the Oligocene period. The area is also characterised by silt-laden deposits, originally loessial, and by glacial and sandy alluvium in the valley and on the plain. PINOT GRIS is for the most part found in soils which are heavy and not too hot. The variety can cope with areas which are less well exposed, because it is relatively early-fruiting.

Wine character:

Beautiful yellow colour with shimmers of amber. The nose is fruity, open, and opulent with hints of tropical fruits. The palate is pure, wide and balanced by a nice acidity typical from the vineyards from Ribeauvillé.

Tips for consuming:

Ideal as an aperitif wine. Can also be associated with smoked fishes, foie-gras, fish in sauce, white meats or even roast meats. Pinot Gris is a polyvalent wine which may be drunk at any stage in the meal.

The 2018 vintage: exceptional vintage rich in contrasts:

Contrasty: The weather conditions of the vintage were diverse and even extreme. Between January and July, Ribeauvillé got close to 500 mm rainfall, the equivalent quantity of a whole year. The vines started to grow relatively late, but the flowering took place rapidly. The summer was warm and dry. The few rainfalls came at the right moments with the perfect quantities. The harvests started early under good conditions and allowed us to pick grapes with very nice maturity levels and in perfect shape. It was therefore possible to wait for the formation of Noble Rot and to elaborate nice Late Harvests (Vendanges Tardives) and Noble Rot Selections (Sélections de Grains Nobles).

An exceptional vintage where we went through worries during the drought to deep satisfaction during the harvests.

The 2018 wines are powerful and pleasant.



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