



DOMAINE VINCENT STOEFFLER

GRAND CRU KIRCHBERG DE BARR GEWURZTRAMINER 2014



Farmed organically since 1999 and Certified organic by Ecocert since 2002, the 37 acres of Vincent Stoeffler are located mostly in Barr, where the cellar is based, as well as in the Haut-Rhin between Ribeauvillé and Riquewihr.

In the cellar Vincent is renown for its patience and focus on the Terroir expression. He practice long pressing in order to preserve the integrity of the fruit, slow fermentations and use large old French oak vats for the ageing.

The *Kirchberg de Barr* is one of the 51 only Grand Cru of Alsace. In Alsacian, the word *Kirche* means Church, when *Berg* means hillside. Kirchberg could translate by "The hill of the Church". Stricter regulations control the production of the Grand Cru in term of yields or alcohol potential but what make them the flagship of Alsace is their distinct and remarkable micro-climates.

TERROIR

Limestone and Marl from the Muschelkalk (Shell-bearing limestone). Steep south/south-east oriented hillside (a 30° gradient). Low annual pluviometry of 28 inches - equivalent to the further South City of Toulon in Provence). Protected from the western winds by the Vosges Mountain and from the northern winds by an umbrella pine forest (Mediterranean vegetation).

VARIETAL

100 % Riesling – 30 years-old vines

CULTURE/HARVEST

Natural grass cover every other row, the other row being ploughed. No pesticides, no herbicides and no phytosanitary products are used for treatments. Spraying of "Bouillie Bordelaise" and nettle/horsetail tisane preparations. Manual harvest beginning of October 2014 at a potential of 15.5%. Small yield of 35hl/ha. Small berries, slight development of noble rot.

VINIFICATION

Slow pneumatic pressing of the whole clusters. Long fermentation with natural yeast. Maturation on fine lees in 80 years old wooden French oak vats for 10 months. Frequent manual racking "Bâtonnage" to keep the lees in suspension.

TASTING NOTES

Very intense spicy flavors of cloves, balsamic and menthol, elegantly balanced with ripe fruit notes of tangerine and pineapple. After a lively "attaque" this wine express an intense minerality and a surprising salinity that transcend the variety.

Rated 3 on a scale of 5 for residual sugar. 1 = Driest / 5 = sweetest

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