

PIERRE SPARR®

2019 RIESLING GRAND CRU SCHOENENBOURG



Origins / This wine is 100 percent estate-grown. The Schoenenbourg Grand Cru vineyard stretches across a steep south- and southeast-facing hillside between the villages of Riquewihr and Zellenberg, at an altitude of 265 to 380 meters. As part of the Ribeauville Fault Bundle in the sub-Vosgian Hills, the subsoil consists of water-retaining marl, dolomite and gypsum, overlaid with fine layers of Vosges sandstone, siliceous gravel and Muschelkalk (consisting of a sequence of limestone and dolostone beds with fossil shells, formed 240 million years ago in the Middle Triassic.) Schoenenbourg vineyard has been renowned since the 16th century.

Appellation / AOC Alsace Grand Cru

Varietal Composition / 100% Riesling

Vineyard Region / Vosges hillside, south/southeast exposure

Vineyard Size / 1.5 hectares (3.7 acres)

Soil / Water-retaining Keuper, marl, dolomite and gypsum, overlaid with fine layers of Vosges sandstone, siliceous gravel and Muschelkalk (fossil shells)

Average Vine Age / 36 years

Harvest / Third week of October, set by decree for each AOC

Yields / 50 hectoliters per hectare (3.7 tons per acre)

Vinification / Traditional, temperature-controlled fermentation, no malolactic

Aging / Stainless-steel tanks, wine on fine lees for 8 to 10 months

Alcohol / 13.5%

TA / 5.46 g/L

Residual Sugar / 11.4 g/L

Tasting Notes / Nice golden color. Very expressive and complex nose. Large range of fruity and floral notes, elegant and full of promise. Citrus fruits and white flowers and a hint of minerality are revealing the limestone soil of this wonderful terroir.

On the palate, the fresh structure of the Riesling is balanced by its body, dense and straight. A hint of sweetness reinforces this full-bodied and full-flavored side typical for a Grand Cru.

Its future and potential are drawn well. It is a gastronomic wine which can be drunk young and will open up coming years.

Food Pairing / Shellfish, seared scallops, roast poultry or with a lemon meringue pie.

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