

GRANDS VINS D'ALSACE

# Gustave Lorentz

à Bergheim depuis 1836

FRANCE



## RIESLING BIO Grand Cru ALTENBERG DE BERGHEIM 2014

### Appellation

AOC Alsace Grand Cru

### Grape Variety

100% Riesling

### Analyses

Alcohol : 13°24  
Residual Sugar : 4.47 g/L  
T.A : 7.9 g/L

### Ageing

10 to 15 years

### Tasting notes

Eye: strong gold yellow

Nose: expressive and deep nose of white flowers, fresh and complex. Elegant hints of minerality!

Mouth: tense and mineral with a well-integrated acidity, and great persistence. Very elegant Riesling with a very good ageing potential!

### Food & Wine

This is a wine for gastronomic meals or festive events: wonderful with fish in sauce dishes, seafood, some pork/veal meat cooked with vegetables.

### Origin

This wine is produced from 100 % Riesling grapes from the classified Grand Cru site of the Altenberg of Bergheim vineyard owned by Gustave Lorentz. The dominant soil of this area is clay and limestone; the vines from which this wine is produced are very old, between 30 and 50 years old. The pride of Bergheim winegrowers, the Altenberg has been renowned for its fine wines since the end of 13th century. Altenberg Grand Cru wines are remarkable for the perfect balance between their subtle, distinguished aroma and their powerful, virile body. They are gastronomic wines par excellence.

### Vintage

Exceptionally mild winter, with practically no frost. Very early budburst around 21 March led to 2 months of anxiety but finally no spring frost. Flowering began very early, around 30 May, which usually means an extremely precocious harvest like 2003, but was uneven and spread over 2 weeks, giving a little coulure especially on Gewurztraminer. In July and early August, record rainfall (147mm) and cool temperatures finally delayed maturity. A very dry September (27mm) without excessive heat ensured slow maturation under ideal conditions.

Yields were very low, lower even than 2013 or 2010. Perfectly healthy grapes, high acidity and superb maturity mean 2014 will be a hallmark vintage, especially for Riesling

Bottles produced: 18 036 bottles

Harvest date: 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> of September, 2014  
3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> of October, 2014



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