



DOMAINE ZIND-HUMBRECHT

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Bottling date : August 2020

Alcohol : 13.4°

Residual sugar : 26 g/l

Total Acidity : 3.6 g/l H₂SO₄ / (4.7g/l Tartaric)

pH : 3.6

Yield : 38 hl/ha

Optimum drinking period : 2023-2037

Average age of the vines : 38 years

Terroir : Oolithic marl limestone

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Description :

The sedimentary limestone geology, mostly located on the Vosges mountains foothills in Alsace, has always been the prime choice for producing long lived and structured Gewurztraminer wines. The presence of clay, more or less important, brings a cooler element in the soil, slowing down the ripeness process and preserving better acidity. The presence of calcareous influences the aromatic profile and texture of the wine. They become more spicy, less floral, with a recognisable tighter tannic structure so crucial for the balance of the wine. Gewurztraminer, more than any other in Alsace, requires an accomplished skin ripeness. Failing so can end in an over aromatic, not complex and bitter wine. The quality of the terroir will help greatly, but so does harvesting later! Since the acidity is naturally low, harvesting later isn't affecting the wine as much as other grape

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would suffer more from acidity loss. All the grapes going into this wine are sourced from our top single vineyards or Grands Crus, where we would take the younger vines amongst the original older vines.

Tasting Notes :

2/2021: pale yellow colour. The nose shows a restraint, almost mineral, smoky aromatic expression, so typical from a limestone soil. It eventually opens up and reveals ripe citrus, exotic fruits in a very elegant way. The palate shows a surprising freshness and acidity, and finishes with a balanced delicate sweetness. Clearly this wine will benefit from further ageing in order to allow it to express its full potential.

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