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GEWURZTRAMINER RANGEN DE THANN CLOS- SAINT-URBAIN 2018

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Bottling date : August 2019

Alcohol : 13.7°

Residual sugar : 52.6 g/l

Acidite totale : 2.2 g/l H₂SO₄

pH : 3.80

Rendement : 45 hl/ha

Optimum de degustation : 2023-2048+

Age moyen des vignes : 39 years

Terroir : Sedimentary volcanic rocks. South facing, steep slope

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Description :

When my father Léonard Humbrecht purchased in 1977 the Clos-Saint-Urbain in the Rangen vineyard, we could see that there was a very small part (0.3ha) planted with the Gewurztraminer grape. A first, we thought that this was a bad choice from the previous owner, despite the fact that it was planted in the warmest part of the Clos right above the river Thur. The higher altitude, strong cool wind influence from the valley, the rocky poorer volcanic soil... were all elements more in favour for Riesling or Pinot-Gris, which are the dominating grape varieties in this Grand Cru. Regardless, vinifying the Gewurztraminer in the Rangen was an absolute reve...

The force of the volcano completely transforms the wine which become something new and different. The old vines were also particularly well chosen: excellent massal selection and high density plantation (10000 vines/ha). The result is so consistent and characterful that we added another small vineyard (0.2ha) in 1999, so at least we can produce a small cask every year.

Commentaires de degustation :

4/2020: rich intense yellow colour. The nose shows all the classic aromas associated with the volcanic soil of the Rangen: flint, light smoke and spices with some complex exotic fruits underlying (mangoes). The palate is big, forceful, intense. The texture and mouthfeel is unctuous, sweet but well defined and displays a long finish. More than any other vineyard, the Rangen also has this rich saline taste that combines so well with the natural tannins. This wine will age nicely and will take some years to show all its potential.

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