

A L S A C E



CHATEAU D'ORSCHWIHR



DESIGNATION

2018 BOLLENBERG PINOT GRIS | ALSACE, FRANCE

VINEYARD

The hill of Bollenberg is located between Rouff-fach and Guebwiller. At an altitude of almost 1,200 feet, it has rich soils which vary depending on the site; from Muschelkalk (sedimentary rock strata) to late-Jurassic limestone. It is one of the biggest limestone hills covering an area of 300 hectares. The Bollenberg region has one of the lowest levels of rainfall in Europe of between 15 and 20 inches per year. This is thanks to the shelter from the rain provided by the Grand Ballon (the apex of the Vosges) and the Vosges mountain range.

Pinot Gris is one of the noble grapes of the region and therefore is featured in all of the appellations (AOP Alsace, Alsace Grand Cru, Vendanges Tardives and Sélection de Grains Nobles).

TECHNICAL

Vineyard Planting: 1963 (80%), 1990 (20%)
 Alcohol : 14.98%
 Residual Sugar : 8.66 g/l (naturally achieved)
 Acidity : 3.94 g/l
 Production : 9,300 bottles

TASTING

This wine shows brilliant yellow in color. The nose offers aromas of crunchy apricot, citrus fruits and plum. On the palate, the attack is supple and well balanced with the primary notes reminiscent of lightly cooked apple and peach with a pine resin hint on the finish. Beautiful salinity carries through the entire length of the palate.

WINERY

The first recorded mention of the Château d'Orschwihr dates back to 1049. The Hartmann family acquired the Château in 1854. Martin Hartmann turned the vineyards to commercial use in the 50s. His son, Hubert, took over in 1986 and increased the size of the vineyards from 6 to the present 25 hectares. Now, grandson Gautier is the latest in the family to continue the tradition. Not only is the property centuries old, but the Hartmann family philosophy of how to treat the earth, the vineyards, and the wines has also stayed true: deliberate use of ground cover, low yields, and no chaptalization among other practices give beautifully balanced wines and world class Grand Crus.

ALSACE, FRANCE

Located in northeast of France, Alsace is something of a hidden treasure, known for its very aromatic, floral and spicy white wines – and it's white wines that make up over 90% of the region's production. The region has a unique heritage, as it has changed hands between France and Germany on several occasions throughout history. The wines are heavily influenced by their German neighbors, and even the bottles share the same fluted shape.

Alsace benefits from a semi-continental climate, which is mostly sunny, hot and dry. Situated in the foothills of the Vosges mountains, the vineyards are located in a rain shadow and are well exposed to the sun, which suits the slow ripening grape varieties grown here.

There are 15,500 hectares of AOC vineyards and 53 appellations – 51 of which are designated grands crus. As well as still wines, the region also produces the most popular AOC sparkling wine consumed in France, Crémant d'Alsace. Made mainly from Pinot Blanc, but also from Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Riesling and Chardonnay, it is a méthode traditionnelle sparkling wine with a bright, fresh character.