

GUSTAVE LORENTZALTENBERG DE BERGHEIM GRAND CRU GEWURZTRAMINER 2007

Appellation: Bergheim; Alsace; France

Winemaker: Georges Lorentz

Closure: Cork

Alcohol: 14.5%

Vineyard

This wine is produced from 100 % Gewurztraminer 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 de Bergheim** has been renowned for its fine wines since the end of 13th century.

Altenberg de Bergheim 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.

Tasting Notes

Colour : Straw yellow in colour

Nose : Rich concentrated flavour of botrytised and exotic fruit.

Palate : This is a powerful & complex wine, verging on the dry side but with roundness and a very long finish (semi-dry).

Vintage

After a mild winter, the months of April/May 2007 were particularly sunny, with temperatures often exceeding 30°C. The budburst and flowering were around the 25th of May, one month earlier than normal. The cooler, cloudy conditions of July and August eliminated much of the advance gained in the Spring.

Growers first harvested the grapes from the earliest ripening vineyards. Alsace then enjoyed a wonderful month of September, with extraordinary anticyclonic conditions. Hot days and cool nights with practically zero precipitation enable the grapes to ripen slowly to perfect maturity. The wines all display nice freshness, fine aromatic expression and superb balance.

About Gustave Lorentz

One can't be a winemaker without passion and it was this passion that drove Charles Lorentz Senior to develop his vineyard on the slopes of the Altenberg near Bergheim, banking on it's excellence. The grapes grown in this exceptional terroir have always been vinified separately. Riesling, Pinot-Gris, Gewurztraminer and other Muscats that originate on these slopes demonstrate from vintage to vintage a unique character. It was the continuing presence of this unique character that resulted in the vineyards being awarded the supreme accolade of 'Grand Cru' in 1983.

