

The Lorentz family has been making wine since 1836 in the heart of the Alsace. Charles Lorentz Sr. developed his vinevards on the hills of Altenberg de Bergheim, in the foothills of the Vosges Mountains. Today the Estate has grown to 79 acres in this extraordinary terroir, with 3.71 acres planted on the hills of the Grand Cru Kanzlerberg and 29.65 acres in the Grand Cru Altenberg de Bergheim. The current owner/winemaker Georges Lorentz, is the seventh generation of the family firm, headquartered in the medieval village of Bergheim, in the Haut-Rhin.

## **Gustave Lorentz** Bergheim, Alsace France

**Gustave Lorentz** signed an official partnership with "**Ecocert**" to be **organic certified** for the entire 33 Ha of vineyards in 2009. A range of wine has been produced from organic grapes since vintage 2012.

As far back as 1750 the family name of **Lorentz** was found in the records of the town of Bergheim. The wine grower was **Jean-Georges Lorentz**, ancestor of the founder of the **Gustave Lorentz Estate**. Founded in 1836 and still a family business today, the winery is dedicated to maintaining and improving the quality of the Alsace wine production, **Grands Crus** and **Cremant** of Alsace which are known throughout the world. The Lorentz Estate covers more than 33 ha of vineyards, oriented South-South- East and planted in calcerous clay soil, they benefit from optimal sunshine.

The great wines of Lorentz are found on the **Grand Cru** level. The house owns vines on Kanzlerberg and Altenberg de Bergheim. In addition, Lorentz purchases grapes from 0.3 ha on Rosacker in Hunawihr.



At the Grand Cru level, Lorentz is very, very good. The terroirs are well expressed; the Rosacker is medium-bodied and full of citrus, the Kanzlerberg is deep and mystifying, while the Altenberg is a seductive charmer. After 7 years in bottle, an Altenberg is velvety with a fragrant aroma of oranges that is draped over a perfectly balanced body. Superb!



**Gustave Lorentz** of today was formed in 1972 by amalgamation of Gustave Lorentz with Jérome Lorentz. The former had Altenberg, while the latter was part owner (the other is the Spielmann family) on Kanzlerberg.



Famous slopes, the Altenberg de Bergheim and Kanzlerberg produce magnificent **Grand Cru** wines, and late harvest from grapes harvested in November when they are affected by noble rot, and also Selection de Grains Nobles, harvested berry by berry during the same period. The passion for these exceptional products has led to rethinking the approach to wine-growing, conciliating respect of nature and harmony with the elements.





