ALLIANCE Wine

Cave De Ribeauville, Riesling, Alsace, France, 2021

Producer Profile

Run and owned by growers for over 100 years this co-operative has always been about their land and the quality of fruit that grows on it in the Vosges Mountains.

The alternating razor sharp ridges and plummeting valleys create slopes with fantastic exposure to the sun and great protection from the wind and rain which help maximise the potential of this vertiginous land. This particular range comes from a small selection of organic vineyards, which show poise through fresh, fruit driven clean expressions of the classic Alsatian varieties clearly demonstrating that this venerable co-operative is living very much in the moment.

Viticulture

Organic fertilisers and herbal infusions from nettles, comfrey and willow to minimise the use of Bordeaux mixture in the vineyards. Working in harmony with the soil; planting flowers, hedgerows and trees to create a sustainable ecosystem in the vineyard. Each individual vineyards parcel is hand harvested at its optimum ripeness meaning that the harvest lasts between August and early November. These factors combined mean that the work is around 30% more labour intensive in the organic vineyards but the results are worth the extra effort.

Winemaking

Aiming for 100% perfect healthy intact grapes when they arrive at the winery. Great care is taken with the must using static settling. Alcoholic fermentation under temperature control conditions takes as long as necessary without malolactic fermentation. Aged 6 months on the lees. Winemaker Evelyne Dodelinger is very experienced in vinifying organic wines and regular tasting ensure that the vinification is adapted to the needs of the wine to obtain the maximum terroir expression.

Tasting Note

This is an extremely elegant Alsace riesling with citrus and floral aromas. A fruity zesty wine with mineral character.

Food Matching

Best with simple cold dishes such as salad, poultry, fish and seafood.

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ABV: 12.5% Closure: Natural cork Colour: White Style: Still wine Case Size: 6 x 75cl Oak Ageing No oak ageing

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