

# GUSTAVE LORENTZ ALSACE

*"The very essence of our wines is the fruit of an intricate relationship between the grape varieties, the terroir and the climate."*

*Georges Lorentz*



Alsace lies just west of Germany, paralleling the Rhine river. Although French culture dominates, the Germanic influence is strong. With wine, this influence is evident in the grape varieties, many of which are found in Germany. Unlike most German wines, however, the wines of Alsace are usually fermented dry and are, therefore, quite definitely French in style. Alsace is also unique in France because the wines are classified according to grape variety. The varietal stated on the label guarantees that 100% of the wine in the bottle comes from this grape.

The family-run firm of Gustave Lorentz is located in the medieval village of Bergheim, in the heart of Haut-Rhin. The family owns over 32 hectares of vineyards, all of which are in the foothills of the Vosges mountains surrounding Bergheim. Wines from Bergheim are renowned for their full-bodied and distinctively earthy character.

The Réserve wines of Gustave Lorentz represent specially-selected cuveés which exemplify the house style as well as the classic richness of Bergheim wines. Pinot Blanc, Riesling, Muscat, Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer and Pinot Noir -- each cuvee consistently shows a special degree of richness and fine character. Only limited quantities are produced on a vintage by vintage basis and each unerringly expresses its varietal characteristics coupled with the minerality of the extraordinary terroir.



The Altenberg Grand Cru (of which Gustave Lorentz is the largest single landowner) is the pride of Bergheim winegrowers, and has been renowned for its fine wines since the end of the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The vineyard was awarded Grand Cru status in 1983 in large part due to the perseverance of Charles Lorentz, who developed his vineyards on the hillside and staked his reputation on their excellence. The Altenberg produces Riesling, Pinot Gris, Muscat and Gewurztraminer, and the resulting wines are remarkable for their perfect balance between their subtle, distinguished aroma and their powerful, virile body. They are gastronomic wines par excellence.

Other unique wines of interest are Crémant d'Alsace, a sparkling blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc and Pinot Noir, made in the traditional methode champenoise, and Le Rosé, a delightful springtime release of Rosé of Pinot Noir. A range of rare Vendanges Tardives and Sélection de Grains Nobles wines are also made when conditions permit.

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