

JAMES SUCKLING 13 Août 2019

## **ALSACE REPORT**

### **Is the future for Alsace red or white ?**

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#### **96 MURÉ Pinot Noir 2017 Clos Saint Landelin**

This is a sensational pinot with just a touch of reductive elements, such as volcanic rock and fresh moss, adding another layer of complexity to the vibrant cranberries, tart red cherries, kola berries and rosemary. Very taut on the palate with a balanced touch of some greenness. This is a firm and muscular pinot, made in quite an edgy style, but one that will excite discerning wine consumers. Drink now.

#### **95 MURÉ Riesling 2017 Vendanges Tardives Clos Saint Landelin**

A gorgeous VT with dense and layered fruit and tangy acidity. Clear and vivid. Wonderful length and focus. Steely. Silky texture. Tangy and complete. From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

#### **93 MURÉ Gewurztraminer 2017 Vendanges Tardives Clos Saint Landelin**

This has a fresh and spicy nose with a wealth of lychees, white flowers and white peaches. The palate has a very plush, rich and round feel with ample sweetness and a vibrant, long finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink now.

#### **93 MURÉ Muscat 2017 Vendanges Tardives Clos Saint Landelin**

A dense and fruity white with sliced mango, papaya and spice aromas and flavors. Medium sweet. Lively and fruity. A stylish, late harvest white. From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

#### **93 MURÉ Pinot Gris 2017 Vendanges Tardives Clos Saint Landelin**

Ripe and attractive mango and peach aromas with a sense of ripeness and precision that is confirmed on the palate. Fleshy, rich and bathed in flavor, this makes a long, silky impression and twists towards dryness at the very end. From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink now, but better after 2020.

### **93 MURÉ Pinot Noir 2017 V**

Aromas of smoke, rust, blackberries and blueberries, as well as tar, following through to a full body. Chewy tannins, yet integrated at the same time. Needs bottle age to soften. From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink now, but better after 2020.

### **92 MURÉ Gewurztraminer 2018 Orchidées Sauvages**

Beautifully fresh roses-petal and lychee aromas here. So pristine. The palate has such smooth, ripe lychee and melon flavors. Supple and fleshy, this really holds well. Drink now.

### **91 MURÉ Crémant d'Alsace Grand Millésime 2013**

Plenty of apricot tart, peach pit, caramel and apple strudel. Full-bodied and quite unctuous for this category, this is a big but balanced Crémant that delivers plenty of spicy fruit. Drink now.

### **91 MURÉ Pinot Gris 2017 Lutzeltal**

The off-dry style of this wine gives a rich and oily character to the spice and stone undertones. Full body. Slightly oily. From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink now.

### **89 MURÉ Muscat 2017 Steinstuck**

This is made in quite a reductive style with a touch of cedar and white pepper coming to the fore at first. Then come more familiar green-apple and herbal notes. Medium-bodied and quite dry, this delivers some crunchy citrus fruit. Drink now.

### **88 MURÉ Riesling 2017 Zinnkoepflé**

Quite a lot of candied fruit on this white with some fruit cocktail and tinned pineapple. Round and waxy, this is a little bit stewed on the finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink now.