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ALSACE

Vintage variation

The vineyards of Alsace lie in a narrow band along the east-and southeast-facing slopes of the Vosges Mountains in northeast France. Yet latitude does not equal coolness, and, in fact, the summers can be quite hot and dry, making it a challenge to preserve the grapes' natural acidity in the region's Riesling, Pinot Gris and other aromatic varieties.

Like many wine regions of the world, the vintage conditions in Alsace are prone to dramatic changes, resulting in completely different expressions (...)

93 MURÉ Riesling 2017 Côte de Rouffach

A floral, aromatic element of citrus creates a tender nose that recalls jasmine and pale lemon. Concentrated juiciness ripples across the palate with citrus brightness and lingering flavors to savor. The finish is dry, lip-smacking and long. Drink until 2030.

92 MURÉ Gewurztraminer 2017 Orchidées Sauvages

Intense red-apple notes are interspersed with vivid, aromatic touches of orange zest on the nose of this wine. The palate reinforces this apple and citrus juiciness, adding a pithy, phenolic edge that gives texture and is mouthwatering, with energy and warmth at the core. This wine has lovely balance, drive and an off-dry finish.