



WINE ADVOCATE - February 2025

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### **Gewurztraminer 2019 Clos Saint Landelin - 98**

Picked between October 10 and 15 with a yield of only 15 hectoliters per hectare, the golden-yellow colored 2019 Gewürztraminer Clos Saint Landelin is based on perfectly ripe and healthy but partly shriveled fruit. The wine opens like an Auslese goldkapsel with a clear, precise and generous, very concentrated, intense and noble bouquet of tropical fruits, tart lemon aromas and notes of nutmeg and cloves but also honey and white nougat. This is an enormously rich, sweet and complex, saline and zesty wine with grippy phenols in the style of a classic Vendange Tardive, yet it wasn't sweet enough for the Muré family to be sold as VT. However, it's a great Gewürztraminer since it so stimulating, tart, saline and bitter. 14% stated alcohol. Diam cork. Tasted at the domaine in April 2024.

### **Riesling 2020 Clos Saint Landelin Sélection de Grains Nobles - 97+**

From «the most beautiful grapes I have ever seen» (Thomas Muré) that were picked mid-September in the best terraces of the family monopole and kept on hold to get botrytis, the 2020 Riesling Clos Saint Landelin Sélection de Grains Nobles is a promising sweet wine whose raisins were sorted twice, in the vineyard and at the table in the press house. The radiant yellow-golden wine opens with a clear, dense and noble botrytis bouquet with enormous fruit concentration, mainly of lemons. Deep, dense, zesty and saline on the palate, this is a generous yet finessed and buoyant SGN with a sweet fruit core of apricots and lemons that is balanced by this crystalline, saline and stimulating savory acidity and lemon confit tone on the finish. It's bitter and rich, with great aging potential. 9% stated alcohol. Tasted at the domaine in April 2024.

### **Riesling 2020 Zinnkoeplé - 96**

The radiant golden-yellow colored 2020 Riesling Zinnkoeplé comes from the bottom of the cru and roots in limestone and pink sandstone soils. The wine opens with a remarkably fine, elegant and generous yet deep, precise and complex nose with a delicate smokiness as well as floral and herbal notes. Round, dense, smooth and generous in the mouth, this is a full-bodied and rich yet elegant Riesling with gentle acidity and fine tannin bitters. This is a complex and characterful, rather gentle Zinnkoeplé with substantial and savory mineral acidity on the finish. The 2020 is a Riesling that is centered within itself. 13.5% stated alcohol. Diam cork. Tasted at the domaine in April 2024.