

An Alsatian Celebration

98 Pinot Noir Clos Saint Landelin 2022

It's hard to tear yourself away from the haunting, dark nose of this pinot noir that proves Alsace can scale the peaks with this grape variety. Great red fruit and dry forest floor aromas plus a touch of licorice are married to an enveloping richness that masks the huge tannin structure. Then mineral freshness drives the crescendo finish that doesn't want to stop.

98 Riesling Clos Saint Landelin Sélection de Grains Nobles 2020

This fantastic naturally sweet riesling shows what makes the dessert wines from this grape so special when everything works out. Incredible aromas and flavors of candied orange peel, dried papayas, toasted nuts and vanilla sugar fill out the medium- to full-bodied palate. Very creamy and succulent, with great textural complexity, but just as this all might become too much the wonderfully vibrant acidity kicks in and drives the very long and pure finish out toward infinity.

97 Riesling Clos Saint Landelin 2022

So rich and yet so graceful, this great dry Alsace riesling has a cornucopia of ripe yellow fruit plus a very silky texture on the medium- to full-bodied palate. Beneath that is a giant structure that slowly emerges, like a whale rising to the surface from the depths to breathe. The cool freshness gives this fantastic tension in the huge, very complete finish, where there is a pronounced pink grapefruit character.

97 Riesling Clos Saint Landelin 2021

A great dry riesling with the racy and stony personality typical of this vintage, plus just a hint of toasty bottle-maturation character. Very concentrated with terrific chalky energy, this moves at a very brisk clip over the focused, medium-bodied palate. Very exciting finish in which pronounced minerality and melted butter character are deftly interwoven. Excellent aging potential if you can resist it now

96 Pinot Noir «V» 2022

Great red fruit aromas, but also rooty, spicy and wet earth notes. The impressive concentration and mouth-filling fine tannins are married to savory and rooty complexity on the medium-bodied palate. Builds and builds in the long, very complete finish. Wonderful vitality. The best vintage so far of this pinot noir from the east-facing section of the Grand Cru Vorbourg site.