

MAISON BECKER RIESLING



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In the East of France, tucked between the Vosges and the Rhine, the Alsatian Region stretches out over the sunny hillsides of the lower Vosges, covering an area of 62 miles, from Thann to Marlenheim.

The grapes for this wine were grown over different parcels, planted with 15 to 50-year-old vines. Traditional farming methods with tilling and grass planted between every other row. The grapes were harvested by hand. Fermentation in temperature controlled casks. Aged in old oak casks (*foudre*). Organic farming.

From father to son since 1610, thirteen generations of Beckers have grown vines and made wine in the picturesque village of Zellenberg. In 1848, they established a négociant business and in 1978 they added a distillery. Today, Jean-Francois tends the vines, Jean-Philippe is the oenologist and cellar master and Martine takes care of sales and promotion. The current generation wanted to leave their children a bright and healthy future and in 1999 they converted to organic viticulture, convinced that the 10% increase in their costs of production was more than worth the benefit. The domain covers 45 acres in the villages of Zellenberg, Riquewihr, Beblenheim, Ribeauvillé, Kientzheim and Hunawirh. 11 acres is grand cru. The wines are direct and soulful, showing the nuances of terroir.

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Tasting Note:

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