



Founded by Nicolas Schlumberger in 1810, Domaines Schlumberger produces 100% estate-bottled wines from southern Alsace. Domaines Schlumberger is the largest privately owned estate in Alsace and the largest Grands Crus producer in the region with 172 classified acres.



VARIETALS:
100% Riesling

RIESLING GRAND CRU SAERING 2021

Alsace, France

OVERVIEW

Today, Nicolas Schlumberger's heirs, seventh-generation siblings Séverine and Thomas, own and farm a collection of vineyards totaling 330 acres. Located on the dizzying heights of the hills of Guebwiller in southern Alsace, with slopes reaching 50 degrees at an altitude ranging from 250 to 390 meters, the family's mountainside vineyard is one of the most breathtaking in Alsace.

The outstanding quality of the wines is due largely to Schlumberger's superior vineyards, but also because yields are deliberately kept low. 100% of Schlumberger wines are estate-grown, and 75% of the vines are planted on very steep, terraced slopes, requiring horses be used for fieldwork.

First mentioned in 1250, the Saering plot slips from the hill and extends like a peninsula on the plain, forming a sort of tongue of land in the form of a ring. It has been sold under its own since 1830. To the north of Guebwiller, Saering faces east and south-east at an altitude of ranging from 260 to 300 meters. The Saering marl, limestone, and sandstone terroir brings out the best in this magnificent, fine, delicate Riesling.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested by hand and the bunches were pressed whole. Static settling of the lees occurred. Wild yeast fermentation took place in temperature-controlled tuns between one and four months. The wine was raised on the lees for eight months.

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WINE ENTHUSIAST

Dainty apricot aromas are bolstered by scents of lemon zest and ocean spray. While this wine is defined by lemony acidity, its texture is soft, creating an overall impression that's friendly and welcoming. Minerality leads into a long finish that hints at petrol qualities. This wine could easily spend a few years in the cellar to let those characteristics develop. But those who don't want to wait will find a friendly, sunny wine that perfectly balances racy citrus zest, saline mineral notes and a bit of soft, juicy stone fruit.

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The 2021 Riesling Saering Grand Cru is grown on Jurassic limestone. The first mention of this site was in 1250. It was an island surrounded by an inland sea. At Schlumberger, Saering is made only from the part of the grand cru that was this island. The nose is subtle with lemon rind. The palate is concentrated and pervaded by bright, ripe lemony freshness. The body is slender but a picture of citrus freshness and brightness, in line with this cooler year, tingling almost like lemon sherbet but based on undeniable stoniness. (Bone-dry)



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