JOSMEYER AOC ALSACE - PINOT GRIS LE FROMENTEAU

Located in Alsace near Colmar, the estate was founded in 1941 by Aloyse Meyer and has a long story of family handover for 5 generations. The estate is now led by Isabelle and her sister Céline. The name « Josmeyer » came from Hubert (the 3rd generation) who chose to combine his ancestor first name Joseph and the family name because Meyer was very common in the area.

The domain comprises 28ha of vines, settled on 5 different terroirs, and benefits from an exceptional micro-climate. Since 2004, the entire vineyard is cultivated according to organic and biodynamic principles.

The term "Fromenteau" conjures up images of cereal fields ('froment' being the French word for wheat), harvests, and Mother Earth.

Grape varieties

100% Pinot Gris

Terroir

Average age of the vines: 40 years Residual sugar : 2g/l

The grapes come from Herrenweg de Turckheim plots. Situated on the alluvial fan of the Fecht river, this terroir is characterised by colluvial deposits of gravel–sand substrate, alluvium, and stones. Similar to the soil of Graves, this terroir produces aromatic, mature, and elegant wines.

Winemaking

The grapes are grown exclusively using organic and biodynamic agricultural practices. They are harvested by hand and pressed whole using the pneumatic technique (for 5-8 hours), and naturally transfer all their aromas to the must. They are left to ferment spontaneously with no addition of enzymes or yeasts, and without chaptalisation. After a fermentation period which varies from one to four months, they are matured either in hundred-year-old oak barrels or in stainless steel vats, depending on each case.

Tasting notes

The nose is open with prominent notes of dried fruit, hazelnut, and fresh walnut. The same aromas develop on the palate with a lovely balance between energy and plenitude and a long and delectable finish.

Pairing suggestions

This varietal likes to be paired with strong flavoured foods such as mushrooms and pulses. It is also great with a risotto, a farmhouse terrine, and small game birds.



Press ratings

93pts Wine Enthusiast – 2016 vintage 91pts Wine Enthusiast – 2015 vintage 91pts Wine Spectator – 2015 vintage

