# **JOSMEYER**

### AOC ALSACE - RIESLING GRAND CRU HENGST

### Story

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 word HENGST means "stallion".

### Grape varieties

100% Riesling

#### Terroir

Average age of the vines: 40 years

Residual sugar: 4g/l

Situated next to the village of Wintzenheim, this terroir is mainly composed of Oligocene chalky conglomerate and interstratified marl several hundred metres thick. These conglomeratic formations are powerful and interwoven with red, brown, green or beige marl. The bedrock is a yellow-orange colour.

It represents a delimited surface area of 53.02 Ha of vines.

## 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 opens on mineral notes and fresh herbs. It is a wine of great elegance combined with the dense and complex structure offered by this superb marl-limestone terroir.

# Pairing suggestions

This wine is the perfect accompaniment for noble sea fish such as lobster and crayfish. It sets off mature cheeses such as Comté, Gouda and Parmeson



## Press Ratings

94pts Wine Spectator – 2015 vintage 94pts Wine Advocate – 2014 vintage 92pts Wine Spectator – 2014 vintage

