

WINEMAKER Pierre Trimbach

# TECHNICAL DATA

Analysis TA 7.65 g/L - RS 4.2 g/L

> Alcohol 13%

# TRIMBACH "RÉSERVE" RIESLING 2016



# BACKGROUND

The Trimbach's have a purist vision. For three centuries and across 13 generations, the family has produced wines that are structured, longlived, fruity, elegant and balanced: the celebrated Trimbach style. The family personally looks after each operation, from planting to harvests and from vinification to bottling.

The viticultural origin of the Trimbach family dates back to 1626, when Jean Trimbach, was recognized as a citizen of Riquewihr. From then on, the Trimbach's were renowned for their wine-growing. Maison Trimbach's vineyards are all situated around Ribeauville (Ribeauville, Hunawihr, Bergheim, Rorschwihr, Riquewihr and Mittlewihr). They benefit from the unique Alsatian microclimate, thanks to the Vosges Mountains protection, which preserves the plain from the rain. The vineyards were planted on the Ribeauville's fault line that fractured 50 million years ago between the Vosges Mountain range and the Black Forest offering a mosaic of terroirs including the complex calcareous limestone and bio-degraded seashell fossils called "Muschelkalk".

Trimbach Réserves are the result of a rigorous selection from mostly old vineyards in Ribeauvillé and the surrounding villages, producing more complex wines with longer ageing potential.

#### APPELLATION

Alsace, France

Varietal Composition

100% Riesling

# WINEMAKING & VINTAGE NOTES

Grapes are from Trimbach's own estate vineyards in the Ribeauville area which has been known for centuries to produce among the very finest Rieslings. This is due to the complexity of its terroirs, with mostly marl and limestone. The vines are south facing and 40 years old with deep roots. Fermentation occurs in temperature controlled stainless steel and concrete vats and the wine does not undergo malolactic fermentation.

# AGEING

Bottles remain in the cellar before reaching the marketplace, ensuring the wines are both ready to drink upon release but also hold great ageing potential of 10 years.

# TASTING NOTES

This is a textbook Riesling, dry, crisp with good ripeness and acidity and a lingering finish. It is best with fish, marinated, grilled or cooked in a sauce. Very good with traditional Alsace dishes like onion pie, choucroute, river fishes, pork dishes, chicken or veal. Riesling also goes well with Sushi or sashimi dishes and a perfect companion to fusion cuisine.



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