



FAMILLE
HUGEL

▶ Alcohol content	13.6%
▶ Residual sugar (g/l)	6.7
▶ Acidity(g/l)	7.59
▶ PH	3.04
▶ Age of vines	39
▶ Grapes: Riesling	100%

Quick view

Riesling is the Pinot Noir of white wines! It is our most demanding variety as it is also the latest ripening. Dry and elegant, it expresses itself best on our steepest slopes with the most complex minerality.



Tasting

A sparkling robe with pale yellow highlights. The aromas are open and generous, just like those of a Riesling at the height of age, dashing with a sound footing that reveals an aristocratic origin. This wine comes from the finest marl soils of the Riquewihr, giving it a unique saline and full-bodied attack on the palate: you know what you are getting right from the start. The elegant, profound, complex and well-balanced flavour is perfectly structured over time by its beautifully mature acidity from which there is no sweetness to distract. This is a dry white wine.

RIESLING Estate 2018

A new selection "parcelle" of carefully chosen plots of the Famille Hugel estate situated in Riquewihr in its most prestigious crus. Most of the plots chosen for this new wine are being converted into Organic viticulture. The unique marl soils of Riquewihr, in and around the Schoenenbourg give a characteristic minerality to wines from this remarkable terroir. A wine of depth and of patience.

The Vintage

If the short crop of 2017 caused a lot of frustration, 2018 wiped it out completely with a mythical year. This cult vintage to be took a while to start, though, with a late budding on April 10th. But the warm conditions, continued long after the end of harvest treated the vine to offer us an unprecedentedly early vintage. Blooming completed on June 5th after 10 days! Ultra-fast canopy development had us run behind our vines all season long. Harvest started on September 5th (record early date) with quite a few gems made; the Pinot Noirs and the sweet wines are the true stars of this remarkable vintage. 2018 is a warm year, but without excess. 2018 vintage will be a great one!

In the vineyard

Grapes carefully selected from within the Hugel Family estate including a high proportion from the Pflostig, strongly influenced by the chalky soils of Riquewihr.

The grapes have been handpicked into small containers such that they arrive intact to the press.

Winemaking

Gravity feed presses, no pumping or other handling.

After a few hours of decanting the must is then transferred to vats for fermentation at a carefully controlled temperature (18 to 24°C). Part of the wine (around 30%) was fermented in six to ten wine Burgundy barrels; this gives the wine body without the addition of any oaky character. A single racking before winter allowing the wine to clarify naturally without any artificial cold treatment. The wine is then lightly filtered in spring before bottling. The bottles are then laid down in our cellars before commercialization. The whole of the vintage was corked with DIAM, the cork without cork taint.



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