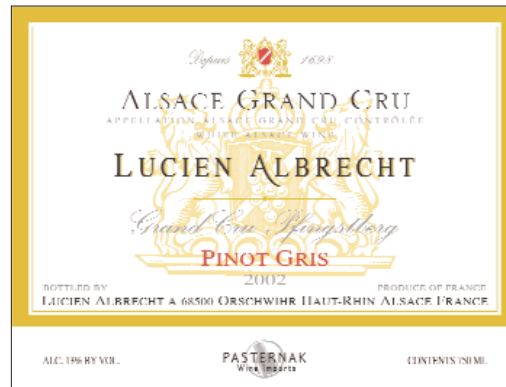


LUCIEN ALBRECHT

GRAND CRUS
Alsace, France



Pinot Gris Pfingstberg Grand Cru 2002

THE VINEYARD

This classified growth is a single vineyard situated in Orschwihr, whose reputation dates to the 13th century. Maison Albrecht is one of the largest owners. It faces south, southeast with a clay, limestone, sandstone subsoil. The vineyard's old vines, are carefully pruned and trained to produce low yields and give a wine with great concentration and depth.

Maison Albrecht is a family owned and managed winery founded in 1425 now its ninth generation. The estate includes some of the most prestigious terroirs in Alsace including vineyards and monopoles in the Grand Crus Pfingstberg and several Clos, Clos Schild, Clos Himmelreich, Clos des Récollets. Lucien Albrecht's vineyards are meticulously cared for. Organic farming is emphasized in the vineyards and minimal intervention in the cellars and endeavor to produce, in each vintage, hand-crafted wines that represent the vineyards, appellation and family. Less than 5% of all wine produced in Alsace is privileged to carry the title of "Grand Cru". To be entitled to the Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC) Alsace "Grand Cru", grapes grown in this region must be from strictly limited individual vineyard sites. The exact geographic limits of the 50 named vineyards are determined via French legislation which places heavy emphasis on cultivation methods to ensure particular characteristics and standards are met every year.

HARVEST & AGEING

For lowering the yield, the Pfingstberg vineyard has a high plantation density, from 7000 to 9000 vines per hectare. They also do a green harvest in July. Fermentation lasts three months at maximum 18 °C. The juice is barrel fermented and aged "sur lie", (large oak barrels of 500 litres each). Once a week for six months they do a "batonnage" stirring of the fine lees.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This wine has a beautiful balance, between the over-ripeness aromas, the rich fruit with notes of honey, vanilla and hint of smokiness. This is a wine worth ageing.

Grape Varieties: 100% Pinot Gris

Finished Alcohol: 13%

