

LUCIEN ALBRECHT

Alsace, France



Clos Himmelreich Riesling 2004

THE VINEYARD

Himmelreich means "Heavenly wine of Paradise in Goethe language" in German. This "clos" (Single Estate) which is a Monopole Riesling belongs to Albrecht family. It is 1,5 ha wide planted with 100% Riesling vines. On the highest slopes, and totally surrounded by walls (the Clos), it is one of the jewels of Alsace. Planted exclusively to Riesling the vineyard naturally gives very low yields from its clay, limestone-sandstone soil.

Maison Albrecht is a family owned and managed winery founded in 1425 now its eighteenth 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 Clos Himmelreich and minimal intervention in the cellars and endeavor to produce, in each vintage, hand-crafted wines that represent the vineyards, appellation and family.

HARVEST & AGEING

The soil is clay-limestone with high sandstone content which contributes to a great stature of this breeding. In order to get a low yield of maximum 30 Hl/Ha, the pruning is short and a green harvest is done in July. The grapes are picked in small crates. For this vintage the harvest took place in October, the grapes were sorted out by hand. Then the whole grapes are pressed and only the "heart" of the pressing is retained for this Cuvée.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This wine has a bright golden hue, beautiful floral nose with notes of apricot. It is intense, yet balanced and dry. A long-lived stylish Riesling.

Grape Varieties: 100% Riesling

Finished Alcohol: 13%



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