

# LUCIEN ALBRECHT

Alsace, France



## Clos de Récollets Pinot Gris 2004

### THE VINEYARD

Clos des Récollets, is exclusively owned for eighteen generations by the Albrecht family. The vineyard is located on mid-slope facing south and so retains the warmth of the daytime during the evening. The soil is dominated by limestone in which Pinot Gris excels.

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 Clos de Récollets, 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 with its high limestone content and a south facing exposure retains the warmth of the daytime. There is a short pruning and a green harvest in the beginning of August. Only the healthiest grapes and those not affected by any rot are hand picked. Before the pneumatic pressing, the grapes are also sorted by hand. The pressing is slow and soft, and lasts for about 10 hours. The fermentation and ageing takes place in small Allier oak vats of 500 litres each.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Clos des Récollets 2004 is one of the favorite wines of Jean Albrecht. The wine is lush, concentrated with a creamy texture. It is dense, yet elegantly balanced with a long finish.

Grape Varieties: 100% Pinot Gris

Finished Alcohol: 13%



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