



CAVE DE RIBEAUUVILLÉ

Riesling Grand Cru Osterberg

ALSACE

Cave de Ribeauville is the oldest wine cooperative in France... and one of the most award-winning producers of the Alsace region. Their vineyards of Grand Cru Osterberg, one of eight Grand Cru lieux-dits in their holdings, are located on the steep, sun-drenched hills of Alsace. Located south of Strasbourg, facing the Vosges Mountains and flanked on the east by the Rhine River and Germany's Black Forest, this vineyard is perfectly situated.

ORIGIN

ALSACE, FRANCE

APPELLATION

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VINEYARDS

Osterberg Grand Cru Lieu-dit range from 850 – 1,150 ft. above sea level. Primarily limestone, but also sandstone, marl, granite.

BLEND

100% Riesling from Lieu- dit "Osterberg"

FARMING

Hand-harvested grapes

WINEMAKING

Fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks.

The vines of Osterberg lieu-dit, one of three Grand Cru sites in this part of the Cave's holdings, sit above the northern side of the town of Ribeauville. Osterberg, "East Hill" in English, is the center *lieu-dit* that sits at the highest altitude of the three, ranging from between 250 and 350 meters, or 850 to 1,150 feet above sea level. These vines cover 24.6 hectares (or 60.8 acres) and is the largest of these three Grand Cru *lieux-dits*. The soils here run the gamut: granite, sandstone, marl, limestone, etc. The Cave has adopted organic practices throughout their vineyard holdings

Despite a history of civil unrest in this area of France from 1895, the Cave de Ribeauvillé has managed to preserve its spirit of solidarity and efficiency in winemaking. From generation-to-generation, vintage-to-vintage, grape growers have called for independence in making their own wine without interference.

Ribeauville, a medieval town dating back to the 8th century, takes its name from the "Lords of Ribeaupierre." Alsace, one of the most fertile regions in Europe, has been passed back and forth between France and Germany since the 16th century. Caught between struggles with Catholics and the growing Protestant populations, these troubles started to settle down in the mid-18th century and the area adopted French culture and a French form of government. During the Franco-German War of 1870-71, Alsace was annexed to the German Empire until the end of World War I when it was returned to France. During World War II it was back under German control but was returned to France after the war ended. Today Alsace is influenced by both cultures.

ACCOLADES

2016 Decanter Magazine - 95 points

2015 Wine Enthusiast - 95 points

