



Vins Fins d'Alsace

DIRLER-CADÉ

France - 68500 BERGHOLTZ

In 1871, Jean Dirlé established Dirlé Wines in the quaint village of Bergholtz in the southern part of the Alsace Wine Region approximately 25 kilometers south of Colmar. This family owned business has continued from generation to generation. Today Jean Dirlé, son of Jean Pierre Dirlé and his wife, Ludivine, daughter of Léon Hell-Cadé operate the estate Dirlé-Cadé.

The winery produces four categories from its 18 hectares of vines :

- . Grand Cru wines from the Saering, Spiegel, Kessler and Kitterlé vineyards, which represent almost one-half of the total vineyard area.

- . A range of « Lieu-dit » (parcels worthy of individual recognition which often annex the Grands Crus) : Belzbrunnen, Schwarzberg, Bux, Schimberg and Bollenberg.

- . A range of varietal wines which encompass the 7 varieties permitted under the Alsace Appellation : Riesling, Gewurz Traminer, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Pinot Blanc, Muscat and Sylvaner.

- . Crémant d'Alsace, the sparkling wine (new at the estate since vintage 2005) made using traditional method with the varieties Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and Pinot Auxerrois.

Beginning in 1998, Biodynamic principles were initiated in order to best respect and express the personality of each individual vineyard.



Biodynamic :

Biodynamic agriculture is mainly taking care of the soil. It involves making sure that it is properly balanced and creating harmonious life conditions between land, plants and environment. This care, using Biodynamic mixtures, favors :

- . The improvement of the quality of the soil by the presence of a large variety of bacteria

- . A better root development of the vines with thicker, longer roots and elimination of surface roots

- . A better development of the leaves and flowers by providing the energy required for a harmonious development of fruit

Vineyard health is insured naturally with preparations that include small amounts of brimstone flour, herbal concoctions of nettle, willow and horsetail mixtures. This practice entails working the soils in every parcels and using a horse-drawn plough on those sites where it is not possible to use conventional machinery. Weed killers and all chemical fertilizers are strictly avoided.

Grand Cru SAERING

Facing southeast, this site has a clay-limestone-sandstone soil. In the western part, close to the neighboring Grand Cru Kitterlé the soil imparts subtle, elegant citrus aromas to the wines in their youth and a beautiful, distinct minerality with age. To the east, the soil has a higher clay and lime content which gives the wines a lively acidity.

Grand Cru SPIEGEL

Facing south and southeast, this site has on its south side, a clayey subsoil overlain by stony sandstone soils. Riesling and Muscat exhibit great elegance and demonstrate attractive mineral characteristics with bottle age. Towards the southeast, the soils are heavier with some limestone. Gewurztraminer possess a unique combination of richness and finesse with a hint of mint.



Grand Cru KESSLER

Facing due south, this site has a sandy clay-sandstone soil. The upper section of the Kessler vineyard is very steep and produces powerful wines with expressive mineral notes. They have magnificent ageing potential, particularly Riesling. On the lower section, the wines express opulence and freshness. Pinot Gris and Gewurztraminer perform exceptionally well here.

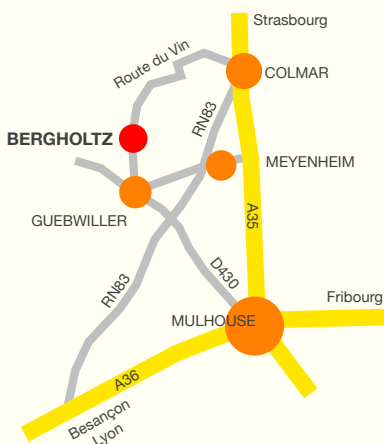
Grand Cru KITTERLE

The steepest vineyard of the four Grands Crus, Kitterle has a sandstone-volcanic soil. Yields are classically restricted and the wines are well structured. Smoked and refined mineral notes are a feature of wines from this vineyard. Powerful on the nose, these wines impress with great purity on the palate. Gewurztraminer is distinguished by the aroma of faded roses and a characteristic minerality.

42 % of the Dirlér-Cadé vineyard area are classified “Grand Cru”

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