

Cave de Hunawihr,
Riesling Grand Cru `Rosacker` 2021
Haut-Rhin, Alsace, France



Grape Varieties	100% Riesling
Winemaker	Nicolas Garde
Closure	Stelvin Lux
ABV	13%
Residual Sugar	8.72g/L
Acidity	5.1g/L
Wine pH	3.07
Bottle Sizes	75cl

PRODUCER

This small co-operative, founded in 1954, has 110 members and 200 hectares of vineyard in the Haut-Rhin, nine kilometres from Colmar. Their wines are vinified using only their members' grapes, with a focus on expressing the rich diversity of Alsatian soils.

VINEYARDS

The 5.6 hectare Rosacker Grand Cru vineyard is north of Hunawihr, a small village between Ribeauville and Riquewihr. This is also where the famous parcel of Clos St Hune is located. Cave de Hunawihr work with 12 different growers who together own 5 hectares of this Grand Cru. The vineyard is situated 260-330 metres above sea level, facing east/south-east, with heavy, clay soils rich in calcium and magnesium, with limestone pebbles. The vines are on average years old.

VINTAGE

2021 was a challenging but ultimately wonderful vintage. The spring and early summer started with unfavourable weather, and consequent slow vine development. Rain and persistent humidity marked the vintage and accelerated the risk and development of disease. Due to the hard work of the winegrowers, there were limited losses and ultimate grape quality was high. Harvest took place in late September with excellent weather conditions.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were harvest and pressed, and fermentation took place at controlled temperatures (16-18 degrees Celsius) in stainless steel tanks. The wine was aged on fine lees with regular stirring before being filtered and bottled.

TASTING NOTES

Straw yellow in colour, this elegant wine shows notes of lemon and grapefruit on the nose. Aromatic hints of citrus are complemented by crisp acidity and a lively finish. This is a complex and zesty wine with great potential for bottle development.