

# GUSTAVE LORENTZ PINOT GRIS GRAND CRU KANZLERBERG 2015

AOC Alsace, France

GRANDS VINS D'ALSACE  
**Gustave Lorentz**  
à Bergheim depuis 1836  
FRANCE



**TASTING NOTES:** This Grand Cru Pinot Gris has a fine and expressive nose of white flowers, dried fruits and smoky aromas. The palate is full-bodied and well-balanced with complex flavors of marmalade, white truffle and baking spices. This is a round and charming wine with a beautiful, lengthy finish.

**VITICULTURE:** At only 7.98 acres, Kanzlerberg is the smallest Grand Cru in Alsace. The vineyards are composed of clay-limestone soil and include grey and black gypsum Muschelkalk-bearing marl – something rarely seen in the Alsace wine producing region. This creates a very heavy soil. The rather steep South and South-West facing slope of Kanzlerberg flattens out to form a small plateau of an average altitude of 273 yards, below which flows the Bergenbach brook.

The 2015 season offered mild winter temperatures and above average precipitation. Warm weather gave way to rain in mid-August, triggering a growth spurt. The vines were in perfect health at the time of harvest. These conditions point to an excellent vintage.

**FAMILY:** *“The essence of our wines stems from the close relationship between grape variety, terroir and climate.”* Those immortal words from Gustave Lorentz, the founder of this famed Alsatian estate, pervade every aspect of the winemaking and winegrowing process, and it has since its founding in 1836. There have been seven generations of family tradition here, currently helmed by sixth generation Georges Lorentz, and with that kind of legacy comes innovation. Gustave Lorentz was among the first producers in Alsace to use stelvin closures and became certified organic by Ecocert in 2012.

Gustave Lorentz vineyards are nestled in the hills of Altenberg de Bergheim in the Vosges Mountains on 85 acres, with four being planted on the hills of Grand Cru Kanzlerberg and 30 in the Altenberg de Bergheim. Riesling, Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer and Pinot Blanc varieties, all vinified separately, make up the majority of plantings of these exceptional vineyards, along with smatterings of other varieties.

**PRODUCER:** Gustave Lorentz

**REGION:** AOC Alsace Grand Cru

**GRAPE(S):** 100% Pinot Gris

**SKU:** GLPK157

**ALCOHOL:** 14.35%

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 5.2 G/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 16.5 G/L