GUSTAVE LORENTZ RIESLING GRAND CRU KANZLERBERG 2019



AOC Alsace, France



TASTING NOTES: This Grand Cru Riesling is a bright golden-yellow in color. The bouquet is intense, marked by notes of lilac, vine-ripened peach, citrus, thyme, hot stone and flint. The nose follows through to the palate, accented by fine minerality and salinity, full of finesse and elegance.

VITICULTURE: This wine is produced from 100% Riesling grapes grown in the Kanzlerberg vineyard – the smallest Gran Cru in Alsace at only 8 acres in size. The clay-limestone soil includes deposits of grey and black gypsum Muschelkalk-bearing marl, something rarely seen in the Alsace wine producing region. The steep South/South-West-facing slope of Kanzlerberg flattens out to form a small plateau at 850 feet in altitude that overlooks the Bergenbach Brook. The vines in this vineyard are 35 years old on average.

The 2019 vintage was defined by a mild winter, a warm, dry summer, ideal August rainfall and excellent harvest conditions. It is expected to produce elegant, fruit-forward wines with great clarity.

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 Gran Cru

GRAPE(S): 100% Riesling

SKU: GLRK197

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 8 G/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 4.91 G/L

