

DOMAINE DIRLER-CADÉ

In 1871, Jean Dirler settled in the tiny village of Bergholtz and founded Vins Dirler. Bergholtz and its 1,000 inhabitants are tucked up in the lower hills of the Vosge Mountains, 25km south of the city of Colmar in the Upper Rhine department of southern Alsace. Today, the Domaine is run by Jean Dirler, who represents the 5th generation with his wife Ludivine.



The family began the conversion to biodynamic viticulture in 1998. Jean and his father began by converting 6 hectares of the lower slopes of vineyards and continued in 1999 with converting the remaining 3ha of the steepest and narrowest trellises that require the use of horse and plow even today.

In 2000 the Domaine increased in size as Dirler was joined by Ludivine's familial vineyards, Domaine Hell-Cadé, in nearby Guebwiller. The merger, now known as Dirler-Cadé, brought the total vineyards planted to 18 hectares, and these new vineyards were added in stages so that they too could be properly converted to biodynamics. The entire production was certified AB (Agriculture Biologique) and BIODYVIN (Bio-Dynamic) as of the 2007 vintage. In the vineyards, the soil is plowed 4 to 5 times a year, and old canes are not pruned off until March. Dirler-Cadé removes flowers instead of green harvesting. Only sulfur and homeopathic doses of 'horsetail' are used against disease and pests, and fertilizers are never used.

Close to half of the Dirler-Cadé vineyards (42%) are in the Grands Crus of Saering, Spiegel, Kessler and Kitterlé. In addition, the Domaine also has plantings in the 5 lieux-dits known as Belzbrunnen, Schwarzberg, Bux, Schimberg and Bollenberg.

Riesling

"Belzbrunnen"



Varietal/Blend: 100% Riesling
Farming: certified biodynamic and organic
Soil: clay and sand over sandstone
Altitude / Exposure: 300m / S-S-E
Ave Year Vines Planted: 1971 / 2004
Trellis System: double Guyot (Pussard)
Harvest Technique: by hand
Fermentation: in stainless steel with temperatures not exceeding 20°C
Ageing: élevage on fine lees for 9 months prior to bottling
Alcohol: 13%
RS: 10 g/L
Yeast: ambient
Fined: no
Filtered: yes
Vegan: yes
Sulfur: 75mg/L
Country: France
Region: Alsace
Sub Region: Haut-Rhin
Vineyard: Belzbrunnen "Lieu dit"
Vineyard Size: 1.20 ha. // yield 50hL/ha.

"The Belzbrunnen vineyard is located mid-slope between the Grand Cru Kessler, Grand Cru Spiegel and Grand Cru Saering. Exposure is SE. The predominantly sandstone soil produces a wine with elegance and finesse."

Winemaker's notes

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