Autumn - Winter 2018 Actuality Dopff Au Moulin

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The French garden of the Estate

### **EDITO**

Coude à Coude (Side by Side)... represents the link between the Estate and the whole world: Customers, Agents, Wine Enthusiasts... As I joined the Estate, 20 years ago, I discovered this publication, a valuable «wealth of information» which had existed from April 1955 until the end of the sixties with an annual pace of 3 releases, a complementary daily teaching about the Estate. I made a few attempts to modernize it as I joined the company, but I soon realized how much of a challenge it represented that I had to face the fact that I would not be able to manage it all.

We decided to start it again on September 2017 with the help of a dynamic and motivated workteam... and today, we are working on the third release of a revisited, updated Coude à Coude...! This new version has already been approved by all and the newest issue each time is eagerly awaited...

The annual pace is now 2 releases and in this publication you will get to know everything about one of our two flagship productions - the superb terroir of Grand Cru Schoenenbourg.

To sum it up, a great moment to be shared... so, enjoy the reading!

Etienne-Arnaud DOPFF

13th generation



#### PORTRAIT

In order to continue our serie of portraits that began with Frédéric WENSON, our head of cultivation, we shall now present you Pascal BATOT, Winemaker and Cellar Master at the Estate.

The Cellar Master reigns over the cellars. From the arrival of the grapes to the press, to the bottling, and the fermentation process in between, he is the one in charge of the maturation of the wine. Upstream, he works with the Head of Cultivation whose task is to provide him with the best of grape quality according to the weather conditions of the year and in accordance with the Dopff family's philosophy.

In perfect harmony with the Dopff family, the Cellar Master oversees the operations that lead to the making of Crémants and still wines. In this respect, he is a professional oenologist and wine taster.

> Pascal BATOT Oenologist, Cellar master



Pascal made his start at the Dopff Estate in a sensational way : his first harvest has indeed been distinguished by the Hachette Guide, awarding our Grand Cru Riesling Schoenenbourg 1990 vintage with a « Coup de Coeur » and 3 Stars. This great start has not affected Pascal's great sense of humility, though. He stresses the importance of thorough work in the vineyards in order to obtain a physiologically optimum grape maturation and in order to give each « terroir » a chance to express its unique character.

Cheerful, with excellent teaching skills, curious by nature and definitely resolute, he undertakes experiments on micro-cuvées : soleras, wine making with indigenous yeasts, wine making with no added sulphites, manzanillas... that might surprise and delight your taste buds and your mind.

Being open to the tasting of any wine throughout the planet, he particularly appreciates the Grand Cru Schoenenbourg Riesling, one among the flagship cuvées of the Dopff au Moulin Estate.



The Dopff au Moulin Estate has contributed greatly to the reputation of Alsace wines: it is now one of the most important estates in the region. Its origins go back to the XVI<sup>th</sup> century. Appearance: bright straw yellow. Nose: expressive floral notes. Palate: with a hint of fermentation taste, Riesling 1990 is intense, elegant, powerful and very harmonious. A great wine.

Hachette Wine Guide, 1993



### **TERROIR'S SECRET: GRAND CRU**

#### **WHAT IS GRAND CRU?**

«Some of them have been famous for a 1000 years. Others, for decades, but all of them are grown on privileged soils where both geology and an exceptional climate create a perfect harmony. All of them are the result of this unique alchemy which unites earth, the vine and human craftwork»

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### **SCHOENENBOURG IN RIQUEWIHR**

SCHOENENBOURG, renowned since the Middle Age, is the jewel in the crown of RIQUEWIHR vineyards.

The finest wines of the township of RIQUEWIHR are born in this soil and have contributed to its near universal reputation.

This terroir is characterized by its topography (south exposure, its valley floor location, steep slopes) and its very special geology made of iridescent clay marls and gypsum of KEUPER, more or less mixed and sandstone of the Vosges top-spread.



Compounding both a light, non sticky soil and a clay, fertilizer-rich, water-retaining sub-soil, probably explains the predominance of its terroir character over the variety and the uniqueness of SCHOENENBOURG wines.

SCHOENENBOURG wines rank among the finest wines of the alsatian terroirs.

TOTAL SURFACE: 53,40 HA = 131 ACRES ALTITUDE: BETWEEN 365 AND 380 M = 1197 AND 1246 FEET GRAPE VARIETIES: RIESLING / PINOT GRIS / GEWURZTRAMINER / MUSCAT

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#### **Riesling** Grand Cru Schoenenbourg 2015

Food and wine pairing by Etienne-Arnaud Dopff

Spicy monkfish tajine

followed by

Goat or sheep's cheeses

Traditionally • Aperitif wine

With Foie Gras



**Aspect:** Beautiful golden robe.

**Nose:** Passion fruit, grapefruit, pineapple.

Palate: Nice aromatic complexity with notes of candied citrus and pepper. Great persistence with a straight and long acidic finish.



### IRINGS



Aspect: Beautiful golden robe.

**Nose:** White flowers, dried fruits and smoked.

**Palate:** Complex with notes of citron, white truffles and smoked. Final salivating and persistent.



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Traditionally • With Foie Gras

• Fattened hen with morels



Food and wine pairing by Etienne-Arnaud Dopff 13th generation

Curry prawns

or

Crab ravioles,

followed by

Comté, Beaufort or Reblochon cheeses



### ACCORDS

#### Gewurztraminer Grand Cru SPOREN 2015

Food and wine pairing by Grael Vautrin Sales manager - France

Chicken cordon bleu with Munster cheese

followed by

Apple-quince pie with short crust pastry and salted butter





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Aspect: Golden robe.

**Nose:** Lychee, mango, spicy notes.

**Palate:** This wine has a high concentration with notes of candied yellow fruits.





### **D'HIVER**

Food and wine pairing by Gael Vautrin

Scallops deglazed with lychee liqueur

or

Duck confit, chutney of

Gewurztraminer grapes

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#### Gewurztraminer Grand Cru BRAND 2015

Aspect: Intense yellow robe.

Traditionally

Aperitif wine

With Munster cheese

Nose: Fig, honey and spicy notes.

**Palate:** Candied fruit, honey, salting and spicy notes.





On monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, the second annual tasting of our Dutch family-owned importing company **DE MONNIK** took place. 350 customers from around the country came to taste and discover the whole range of wines on offer... View all 143 comments

12 MARS





#### 23.231 views

The World Ice Hockey Championships 2018 took place from May 4<sup>th</sup> until May 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 in Denmark. Pinot Blanc Dopff au Moulin was served for the gala dinner! #coudeacoude #danslemonde

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With close to 60000 professional visitors within 3 days in 2017, from 131 countries, **ProWein** is the benchmark international exhibition dedicated to wines and spirits in Dusseldorf, Germany. The 2018 edition has started yesterday... View all 298 comments

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Annual Tasting at our importer-distributor's, **HERITAGE**, III. USA! After an « off » year due to renovation works at the Ritz, here we are again for this great event. #coudeacoude

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20.451 views Etienne-Arnaud Dopff hosted ESSI AVELLAN by the end of June. She is a «Master of wine», a renowned specialist for Champagne and sparkling wines... #coudeacoude #danslemonde

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26.345 views

Sandefjord VinFestival. Marlène and Etienne-Arnaud Dopff proudly represented the Estate during the 3rd Wine Festival in Sandefjord organized by WINNING BRANDS, our importer...

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### AT THE TASTING ROOMS

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Throughout the year, our « Caveau »-staff is happy to host you in the tasting rooms in Riquewihr and Strasbourg to let you discover or re-discover our Crémants, Wines and Grands Crus.

Come and taste our wines with **Astrid**, **Ulrike**, **Aude**, **Betty**, **Laura**, **Daniel**, **Julie**, **Sophie** and **Guillaume**, who will gladly share their knowledge about the Estate, the terroirs and grape varieties of our beautiful Alsace region with you!

All good things come in three, let say, four!

Last March, the Dopff Estate opened its fourth tasting room next to the historical Caveau.

The idea was to propose a private space for the hosting of groups.

A great success, indeed, for the Estate as we host groups from all over the world in order to discover our family! Feel free to contact us if you need to book a private space, we shall be glad to welcome you there.

Guillaume HUSS

**Tasting room Manager** 



