

Domaine MERSIOL

VINS D'ALSACE

GRAND CRU FRANKSTEIN - VENDANGE TARDIVE - CREMANT D'ALSACE ...

Domaine en Agriculture Biologique



Our History

A family story.

Located on the hillsides of Dambach-la-ville in the Alsace region of northeastern France, the Mersiol family heritage dates back to the 18th century.



The first bottle has been sold in **1946** under the name «Ruhlmann».



In 1960, the Estate was expended with the marriage of Guy Mersiol to Anne-Lise Ruhlmann whose family owned an adjoining Estate. These wines are now sold as “**Guy Mersiol & Fils**”.

Nowadays

12 hectares are now planted ; 3,5 of which are classified as **GrandCru Frankstein**. All wines are *Estate grown*, vinified and bottled.



Joined by their son **Stéphane** in 2000, the Estate is now cultivated on an **organic way** (will be shortly certified) to extract the delicate minerality from our terroir made out of **granite**.

Christophe, the other son, joined the domaine in 2006 in order to develop the international sales.





The medieval village of Dambach-la-ville.

Domaine «Guy Mersiol & Fils» is located on the famous «Alsacian Wine Road», which runs through the medieval village of Dambach-la-ville. Our town is **authentically Alsatian** with winding alleys that are decorated with geraniums, it's **typical half-timber houses** and it's three huge gates dating from the **14th century**.



From this century, the unique quality of wines and the name «Frankstein» has been recognized.



The legend of Dambach-la-ville.

The legend pretends that a grape-eating bear prompted the villagers to grow vines. Since then, the bear became the emblem of the village. Actually, it appears that the Romans, when they civilized central Europe, brought vines to our land.

Ever the 14th century, Dambach vineyard has been celebrated for its full-flavored quality wines, particularly those grown on Frankstein hills.



Our Vineyard



The «Grand Cru Frankstein».

In 1976, when the appellation “Grand Cru Frankstein” commenced, it was awarded to the best terroir of the region. It is limited to 56 hectares of land between 220 and 310 meters in altitude, facing southeast for maximum morning sunshine.



The soil is **granite** in origin, ensuring the vines retain warmth and have good drainage.

Riesling, Pinot Gris and Gewurztraminer are ideally suited to Frankstein growing conditions. These wines are at their best after a few years cellaring.



Riesling is delicate, mineral and offers intense yet fine floral aromas.

Pinot Gris is remarkable with its toasted bread, forest floor and smoky notes.

Gewurztraminer is an elegant, racy, spicy wine with characteristic fruitiness.



Our Organic Viticultural Methods. (*«Ecocert»* certified)



Because we firmly believe that the quality of our wine depends above all on the quality of our vines, we cultivate our vines with a great deal of care, paying particular attention to the health of the soil. We favour the use of «*enherbement naturel maîtrisé*» [grassing down] to encourage natural diversity in the plants found in our vineyards.



This **biodiversity** makes for excellent soil structure by providing a complex root system at varied depths. These roots (as well as their breakdown) provide organic material and **aerate the soil**. This in turn promotes microbial activity.

During a three-year cycle, we use a tool for mechanically cutting the grass between vines and rows (working on every other row). During the fourth year we then till the soil (also using an “inter-vine” method) in order to avoid too much competition between the plants and the vines. This scheme can be adapted to suit the age of the vines and the type of soil.



Our selection...

Our Alsace Wines Range

The «Traditional Alsace Wines».

Generally named after their grape variety, Alsace has seven classified wine types. Alsace wines are always presented in the traditional, slim Alsace «flûte» bottle, which should be presented chilled, but not iced, at 10° C.



- Sylvaner
- Riesling
- Pinot Auxerrois
- Pinot Gris
- Gewurztraminer
- Muscat
- Pinot Noir
- Edelzwicker



Our oak tank and concretetank cellar

The «Grand Cru Frankstein».

Our «Grand Cru» comes from Frankstein, which is strictly defined granite vineyard area with specific mineral and fruit characters. We have planted 3 noble grape varieties : **Riesling, Pinot Gris and Gewurztraminer.**





Vendanges tardives («the late-harvest»).

Exceptional, late-harvest wines that have intensely dry fruit and sweetness. We produce **Pinot Gris** and **Gewurztraminer** only during certain vintage that suit for noble rote.



Crémant d'Alsace («the sparkling wines»).

Reserved for sparkling wines that are made by traditionnal methods, as in Champagne.

- Our white «**Crémant Blanc brut**» is made from Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay, Riesling and Pinot Noir.
- Our «**Crémant Rosé**» is made from Pinot Noir.

Only both are aged « Sur Latte» durind at least 2 years.



Pictures



*Grand-mother
Ruhlman*



*The Ruhlmann grand parents,
foundeur of the Domaine with
my mother*



A village winegrower festival



*The patriarch...
Always in vineyards.*



*Is a matter it of the family
participates in it just as
much....*



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