



Founded by Nicolas Schlumberger in 1810, Domaines Schlumberger produces 100% estate-bottled wines from southern Alsace. Today, the sixth and seventh generations carry on the family tradition. Due to the domaines' steepness and aridity, the yields are about 50% of the average for the Alsace appellation. However, the resulting yields offer the highest quality grapes with an exceptional concentration of flavor. Domaines Schlumberger is the largest privately owned estate in Alsace and the largest Grands Crus producer in the region with 172 classified acres.



VARIETALS:
100% Riesling

RIESLING GRAND CRU SAERING 2020

Alsace, France

OVERVIEW

With a single holding of more than 330 acres at Guebwiller, Domaines Schlumberger is the largest Grands Crus producer in Alsace. All Schlumberger wines are estate-grown. Seventy-five percent of the vines are planted on very steep, terraced slopes, requiring horses be used for fieldwork.

The outstanding quality of the wines is due largely to Schlumberger's superior vineyards, but also because yields are deliberately kept low. The winery produces only 80,000 cases annually, while the law allows for up to 160,000.

First mentioned in 1250, the Saering plot slips from the hill and extends like a peninsula on the plain, forming a sort of tongue of land in the form of a ring. It has been sold under its own since 1830. To the north of Guebwiller, Saering faces east and south-east at an altitude of ranging from 260 to 300 meters. The Saering marl, limestone, and sandstone terroir brings out the best in this magnificent, fine, delicate Riesling.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested by hand and the bunches were pressed whole. Static settling of the lees occurred. Wild yeast fermentation took place in temperature-controlled tuns between one and four months. The wine was raised on the lees for eight months.

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POINTS
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Wonderfully ripe and generous with plenty of yellow fruit, this is a very sensual dry riesling that flows gracefully over the palate. Almost a Burgundian texture in the middle, but the citrusy freshness at the long, salty finish is distinctly northern. Drinkable now, but best from 2025.

"A well-priced Grand Cru from France's Alsace region, it encapsulates what is great about Riesling."

VINEPAIR

"Facing east-southeast on a hill above Guebwiller, the Saering vineyard spreads out into the valley below. The wine often tastes like the name, searing in its youthful acidity."

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