



Pinot Noir Galets Oligocènes 2016 - 93/100

Aged in Burgudian pièces, the 2016 Pinot noir Galets Oligocènes is a fine aromatic, calcareous Pinot with cherry and fleshy dark berry and even some peppery aromas. On the palate, the medium to full bodied 2016 is juicy, round yet tart, dry and spicy and provided with elegant and juicy fruits and fine tannins as well as an unpretentious finish. 13% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted in February 2023.

Riesling Grand Cru Schlossberg 2016 - 93/100

Bott's 2016 Grand Crus Schlossberg Riesling opens with a clear, deep, intense and elegant as well as complex nose of ripe fruits and finely crushed and weathered stones intertwined with a herbal notes. Full-bodied, refined and fresh on the palate, this is a very elegant, intensely fruity and balanced dry Schlossberg Riesling with lemon bitters on the round, lush, savory, saline and finely grippy finish. Very salivating. 12.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted in February 2023.

Riesling Grand Cru Schoenenbourg 2016 - 93/100

From gypsy marl soils, the 2016 Grand Cru Schoenenbourg Riesling offers a clear, deep, fresh and substantial but refined and well-defined nose with ripe and elegant, perfectly concentrated fruit aromas intertwined with discreet flinty nuances. Full-bodied, lush and elegant with playful saline acidity and a round and aromatic palate that is note bone and dry but very charming and fruity, this is a very delicate and well balanced Schoenenbourg Riesling with a salivating salinity on the balanced and stimulating finish. There is very well dosed power here that is transferred to finesse. 13% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted in February 2023.

Riesling Grand Cru Sporen 2016 - 93/100

The 2016 Grand Cru Sporen Riesling offers a clear and despite its intensity, delicate and elegant nose with lemon an oil and tea aromas interwoven with very fine terroir notes. Fruity, savory and fresh on the palate, this is a dense and elegant, persistently saline and lively Riesling with round and juicy fruit and ripe, playful and elegant acidity. The finish is clear, fresh and cleansing yet most of all intense and long. This is another excellent 2016 Riesling from Jean-Christophe Bott. 13% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted in February 2023.

Riesling Grand Cru Mandelberg 2015 - 92/100

The 2015 Grand Cru Mandelberg Riesling offers a intense and concentrated bouquet of baked mandarins, curd cheese, candied citrus fruits, almond and pastry. Rich and generous on the palate, this is a round of fruity, very charming but also sugary Mandelberg with savory acidity and fine grapefruit bitters on the finish. With this amount residual sugar, I'd rather keep the 2015 for a least another 7 to 10 years or pair it with tartes or nutty desserts. 12.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted in February 2023.

Riesling Grand Cru Schoenenbourg 2015 - 94/100

The golden yellow colored 2015 Grand Cru Schoenenbourg Riesling opens with a deep, intense and generous bouquet of duper ripe and warm fruits of tropical origin that are intertwined with delicately spicy terroir notes from this steep gypsum cru beyond Riquewihr. This is a fully ripe and mouth-filling Riesling that was picked too ripe to ferment dry, like so many 2015s. The wine is intense and voluptuous but also refined, elegant and vital due to its lively mineral soul playful salinity and serious tention. It is not the sweetness that makes the 2015 Schoenenbourg a great Alsace Riesling but his richness, finesse and elegance. It is gorgeous to drink at this early stage, but can also age for decades. 13 stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted in February 2023.

Gewurztraminer Grand Cru Sonnenglanz 2015 - 94/100

The yellow golden 2015 Grand Cru Sonnenglanz Gewurztraminer opens with a beautifully clear, refined yet also intense and concentrated bouquet of almond cookies, lycees, oranges, mangos and spicy phenols. The attack on the rich and generous palate is fresh and savory, and the full-bodied, textural Sonnenglanz reveals a stimulating piquancy and salinity that carries the wine to a long refreshing finish, which is quite a rare talent of Gewurztraminer, a grape variety that is far too often underrated but is a world star if cultivated in the right terroir, like here in a warm climate on calcareous marl soils. 13% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted in February 2023.

Pinot Gris Grand Cru Furstentum 2015 - 92/100

The 2015 Furstentum Pinot Gris is clear and discreet yet deep and, in a subtle way, intense on the nose that intermingles iodine notes with ripe and elegant seed fruit aromas. Fresh and lively on the palate, this is a round and juicy Pinot Gris with an uplifting savoriness and salinity on the finely grippy and persistent finish. Grapefruit bitter on the aftertaste. 14% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted in February 2023.

Pinot Gris Grand Cru Sonnenglanz 2015 - 94/100

The 2015 Grand Cru Sonnenglanz Pinot Gris opens with a clear and intense, well concentrated and lemon-scented bouquet with some ethereal nuances on the nose. Round and elegant on the palate yet less vivacious than the corresponding Gewurztraminer, this is a full-bodied round and finely tannic Pinot with the bitter on the finish. Aromatically, it cannot come close to the Traminer. On the contrary, the Pinot Gris remains comparatively one-dimensional, which maybe more a matter of genetics than winemaking. 13.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted in February 2023.

Riesling Grand Cru Sporen Vendanges Tardives 2015 - 93/100

Bott's yellow-golden 2015 Grand Cru Sporen Vendanges Tardives opens with aromatic bouquet of concentrated and elegant fruits intertwined with finely spicy, herbal and earthy terroir notes that are subtle yet well defined and stimulatingly fresh and precise. On the palate, this is a dense, savory, saline and vital, finely grippy and bitter finishing VT from the Sporen that is one of my favorite terroirs in Alsace due to the subtleness and finesse of its wines. 13% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted in February 2023.

Riesling Grafenreben Selection de Grains Nobles 2015 - 91/100

The intensely golden colored 2015 Riesling Grafenreben Selection de Grains Nobles opens with a highly concentrated and rich nose of stewed apricots, peaches and limestone. On the palate, this is a lush and elegant though savory, the tannic and enormously saline Riesling SGN from limestone-dominated soils. The finish is rather tannic and bitter yet the sweetness remains very prominent. Will the components of this sweet wine come together as one over the years? 11% stated alcohol. Natural cork. 50-centiliter bottle. Tasted in March 2023.



PINOT NOIR GALETS OLIGOCENE 2015 Rating 90

"Sourced from limestone soil around and in the Sonnenglanz, and fermented with 50% whole bunches, the 2015 Pinot Noir Galets Oligocène opens with a very clear, ripe and aromatic red cherry aroma; it shows a nice freshness and earthy purity. This Pinot Noir is finessed and elegant on the palate, with a ripe and fleshy cherry fruit and fine tannins from one-year-old barriques. This really delicate Pinot finishes fresh and spicy but also aromatic, with lovely intensity and fleshy cherry fruit. This is an excellent and persistent Pinot Noir with a perfect ripeness and a good grip."