



DOMAINES SCHLUMBERGER
depuis 1810

RIESLING GRAND CRU KESSLER 2009

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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dry | medium dry | mellow | sweet

- Alcohol : **13,75°**
- Acidity : **3,88 grs/l**

- Residual sugar : **4,5 grs/l**

HISTORY

Mentioned as early as the year 1394, the Kessler has been marketed under its own name since 1830.

LOCATION

The Kessler grows on a sandstone soil and displays in its centre a valley that is globally facing east, south-east, which protects it from north winds and cold air streams brought by the valley of Guebwiller. As a natural extension of the Grand Cru Kitterle, its subsoils are reddish over Vosgean sandstone bedrock. At its base, an outcrop of limestone results in clay soils.

WINE-MAKING

Whole grape pressing, static racking. Fermentation in thermocontrolled tuns for 1 to 4 months. Ageing on fine lees for 8 months. Grapes were harvested the 9th October 2009. Bottled on January 1, 2012.

TASTING

The robe is pale golden yellow with lime reflections. The disk is bright and moderately thick, the legs are present and join the wine with elegance and viscosity. The colour is bright, clear and transparent. A fresh and young robe. The first olfactory approach is pleasant and expressive. I can sense a variation around citrus fruits scent, particularly lemon. Fragrances of aromatic herbs such as lime blossom and citronella complete this range.

After aeration, the aromas are expressed with force and magnitude. The lemon aromas are confirmed, marked by the zest, as well as kumquat. A minerality marked by a saline character emerges and combines with the smell of freshly cut grass. A complex and charming nose that is already well open.

On the palate, the onset is clear; this wine is to be enjoyed dry. A dense structure is revealed and adds straight and nervous freshness to an ample and wide volume. A very nice balance which forms the aromatic base of this wine. I rediscover citrus fruits flavours evolving on the grapefruit zest and hints of herbs such as bay leaves and hay. This explosion of aromas is then followed by noble bitters highlighting a subtle saline minerality that imprints the length of the finish of 6 to 7 caudalies, leading to a chamomile finish. A lively mouth and imprinted by its aromatic complexity.

SERVING

Serve with: Fish grilled on grapevine twigs or in papillote, vegetable terrine.

Example: Grilled sea bream with fennel, bouillabaisse...

Serve at a temperature of 12°C.

PRESS

95/100 WINE ENTHUSIAST MARS 2014

There is both wonderful bite and density to this great wine. It has a weighty texture full of ripe, rich fruit. At the same time, the wine is bone dry and crisp with acidity. It's just beginning to mature, and while enjoyable now, it's better to wait until 2016.

92/100 WINE SPECTATOR AOUT 2013

Hints of exotic ground spice, tea leaf and kumquat accent the finely layered flavors of apple puree, candle wax and slivered almond in this dry and focused white. Elegant, with a smoky, mineral-tinged finish. Drink now through.

