



### Our Favorite Wine

Most of the domaine is made up of grands crus, making the wine lover's choice very difficult indeed. If you like sheer elegance and complexity, you will prefer the Riesling or Gewürztraminer (the 2002 is wonderful) from the Kitterlé vineyard. If density and energy are your thing, the Kessler will soon become indispensable. And what can we say about the magnificent Saering? As for the dry wines, remarkable progress has been made with the Princes Abbés, and the 2004 and 2005 promise to be thrilling.

Domaines Schlumberger is an important local benefactor, maintaining – at great expense – the countless terrace walls that endow the landscape around Guebwiller with a monumentality unique in Alsace. It also has by far and away the largest grand cru holdings of any winery in Alsace, and offers the widest choice of wines. The local soils have a high proportion of Vosges sandstone, which gives the varieties plenty of immediate aromatic power, while their depth favors laying down. The most spectacularly situated of the grand cru vineyards, and no doubt Séverine Beydon-Schlumberger's favorite, is Kitterlé. In terms of sandstone soils, its exquisite wines are unrivaled anywhere in the world. Saering perhaps suits Riesling even better, however, producing a wine of greater delicacy with a fine mineral character. All those familiar with the domaine adore its renowned Anne and Christine cuvées, which display a richness similar to that of the Vendanges Tardives and Sélections de Grains nobles. The 2002, the latest year tasted, recaptures the sumptuousness and aromatic precision on which their reputation rests.

