

JEAN BECKER

RIESLING

(Alsace)

In the East of France, tucked between the Vosges and the Rhine, the Alsatian vineyard stretches out over the sunny hillsides of the lower Vosges, covering an area of 100 km, from Thann to Marlenheim.

Zellenberg, Becker's home city, was in 1252 a lease-hold of Count Ribeaupierre, and overlooks the wine-growing area and enjoys an unrivalled view of the Alsatian plaine.

Becker's family have been winegrowers from father to son since 1610. In 1848 they established a négociant business and in 1978 they added a distillery. Today the Domaine is run by the 13th generation.

<i>Appellation:</i>	Riesling AOC Alsace
<i>Vineyards:</i>	spread over different parcels, planted with 15 to 50 years old vines.
<i>Viticultural methods:</i>	Traditional with tilling and every other row planted with grass
<i>Density:</i>	5000 plants by hectares
<i>Harvest:</i>	By hand
<i>Vinication:</i>	In temperature controlled casks
<i>Maturation:</i>	In big old oak casks (foudre)
<i>Alcohol:</i>	12.5°
<i>Residual Sugar:</i>	4.9 g/l
<i>Color:</i>	Nice clear robe
<i>Aromas:</i>	Complex and characterized by an extreme finesse.
<i>Palate:</i>	A lively beginning, followed by a fruity palate. Nice balance in the style of the great dry Rieslings.