



**FAMILLE
HUGEL**
ALSACE - FRANCE



Pinot Noir Classic 2018

Made from the famous grape variety of Burgundy, this agreeable red wine presents a distinctive Alsace character. Supple, with intense fruit, it can be drunk with charcuterie, red meat and cheese.

THE VINTAGE

If the short crop of 2017 caused a lot of frustration, 2018 wiped it out completely with a mythical year. This cult vintage to be took a while to start, though, with a late budding on April 10th. But the warm conditions, continued long after the end of harvest treated the vine to offer us an unprecedentedly early vintage. Blooming completed on June 5th after 10 days! Ultra-fast canopy development had us run behind our vines all season long. Harvest started on September 5th (record early date) with quite a few gems made; the Pinot Noirs and the sweet wines are the true stars of this remarkable vintage. 2018 is a warm year, but without excess. 2018 vintage will be a great one!

QUICK VIEW

Pinot Noir now represents 8% of the total production of Alsace and with global warming the wines are steadily gaining in density.

VINEYARDS & VINIFICATION

Harvested in the first days of harvest, exclusively by hand, from clay and limestone vineyards in a dozen of the most favoured localities in and around Riquewihr. A cool and long growing season give this unique dry wine great finesse and balanced intensity.

The grapes are taken in small tubs to the winery, they are 100% destemmed and macerated for 6 to 7 days. After malo-lactic fermentation, the wine is matured in vats until it is bottled in early summer the following year.

The bottles are then aged in our cellars until released for sale. The whole production of this wine is closed with DIAM the cork without the risk of cork taint.

› Alcohol level	13.12°
› Residual Sugar (g/l)	<0.2
› Acidity (g/l)	5.07
› pH	3.79
› Age of vines	23 y
› Yields	45 hl/ha
› Grapes	Pinot Noir: 100 %



TASTING NOTES

Don't be fooled by its dashing ruby colour and bright highlights, this pinot noir really has a lot to say for itself. The aroma brings to mind morillo cherries, kirsch, red-current and fresh tobacco with all the clear and abundant fruitiness of an Alsatian wine with no unwanted woody aromas to mask them. On the palate it is wonderfully fresh. The tannin is present but not too hard along with a nice texture that fades away to leave a beautiful structured melody for the final, not too dry, note. A genuine and effective Alsatian Pinot.

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A full and deep nose, black cherry, cigar box, cinnamon, with superb maturity. On the palate, freshness, silky tannins, ripe, beautiful substance.

