

Rive Gauche Wines

Technical Sheet



PINOT BLANC Domaine du Stierkopf *AOC Alsace 2014*

An ancient vineyard originally planted over 1,000 years ago, Stierkopf was once an enormous estate belonging to the Bishop of Strasbourg and covering over 200 hectares. The south-facing slopes are so steep that it is almost impossible to use machinery in the vineyards, which makes for plenty of hard manual work.

This winery, currently converting to organic viticulture, is part of the Vertuvin group, each managed by a charity that offers work to local people with a learning disability within a protected environment. By undertaking all the usual activities associated with wine production, from pruning to packaging, workers gain a variety of experiences and an invaluable sense of accomplishment, leading to a richer quality of life.

APPELLATION:	Alsace
VINEYARD AREA:	0.5 hectares
SOILS:	limestone marl
GRAPE VARIETIES:	100% Pinot Gris
AGE OF VINES:	36 years old
VINE DENSITY:	4,200 vines per hectare
YIELD:	62 hl/ha
HARVEST:	manual
VITICULTURE:	<i>Lutte raisonnée</i> and currently converting to certified organic viticulture
VINIFICATION:	traditional in tanks without additives, only sulphites if necessary
AGEING:	9 to 11 months in tank
PRODUCTION:	5,000 bottles
ABV:	12.5%

