

Jean-Baptiste Adam

RIESLING KAEFFERKOPF VIEILLES VIGNES GRAND CRU - 2018



REGION: FRANCE - ALSACE



JEAN-BAPTISTE ADAM

For more than 400 years, Jean-Baptiste Adam and his family have been grape growers and winemakers in Ammerschwihr. Throughout the centuries the Adam family has farmed vineyards, made wine, sold wine locally and sold wine in foreign lands. They survived the Thirty Years War (1618-1648), the Valois and Bourbon dynasties, the French Revolution, the Napoleonic wars, annexation by Germany and back to France, WWI, WWII, famine and disease.

Jean-Baptiste V joined the winery in 1982, at the age of 21, after finishing his studies of wine, enology, and marketing. In 1996, Jean-Baptiste took over full management of the property from his father, Jean-Marie. Soon after taking charge of the company, he modernized the winery and created a processing and storage facility for the production of Crémant. In 2003, he converted the vineyards to biodynamic agriculture wholeheartedly. Today, he is considered a leader of biodynamic farming practices in Alsace.

Jean-Baptiste's daughter, Laure, is the

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Vineyard Profile

Beautifully sunny Kaefferkopf vineyard awarded Grand Cru status in 2007, stretched over several sub-Vogosian hillsides.

- Altitude: 650 – 1050 feet
- Soils: Granite and silica with clay and limestone subsoils
- Vine Age: 53 – 68 years

Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested
- Pneumatic whole cluster pressed
- Cold settling at 50°F overnight
- Fermented using only indigenous yeasts in stainless steel tanks at 68°F

Winemaker's Notes

Exotic and expressive aromas enlivened with citrus notes. A rich, well-structured palate supported by minerality and fine acidity. The attack is complex, fresh and full. It finishes with beautiful salinity and juicy, mouth-watering crispness.

Pair with lightly seared perch, seabass with vanilla butter sauce.

Technical Information

- 100% Riesling
- Alcohol: 13.4%
- Total Acidity: 3.58 g/l
- Residual Sugar: 5.7 g/l
- Certified Organic and Biodynamic by EcoCert and DEMETER

REVIEWS

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93 Points - Wine Enthusiast, November, 2020

Only the faintest note of lemon can be made out on this wine's shy nose. Lemon ripeness, brightness and juiciness gets their due on a flowing, vivacious and sinuous body that is breezy with zest and gentle with blossomy ease, anchored by a mouthwatering, zesty core. The finish is dry and long.



93 Points - Wine and Spirits, October, 2021

Growers in Ammerschwihr for more than 400 years, the Adams own 42 acres of vines and farm another 10 acres, all certified biodynamic by Demeter. Kaefferkopf is their prize holding, on a steep hillside just south of town. Jean-Baptiste Adam presents this floral riesling with a graciously light touch. It smells like a fresh pear and a white rose, deepening to nectarine and apricot with a day of air. The fruit development drives the complexity of the wine, long and gentle, ultimately savory. This would be delicious with the simplicity of fresh pears and clotted cream.

GENERAL INFO

Country	France
Region	Alsace
Appellation(s)	AOP ALSACE – AOP CREMANT D'ALSACE- AOP ALSACE GRAND CRU -AOP VENDANDES TARDIVES- AOP SELECTION DE GRAINS NOBLES
Proprietors	Jean-Baptiste Adam, Laure Adam
Founded	1614
Winemaker	Mathilde Jaegler and Philippe Ruhlmann
Annual Production	50,000 to 66,000 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Certified Biodynamic DEMETER since 2007, Certified Organic by EcoCert France