

# *Hospices de Colmar Pinot Gris / 2011*

- ALSACE WHITE WINE -



## PRESENTATION OF THE ESTATE

It is in 1255 that the civil hospices of the imperial town of Colmar were established. During this time period, priests received pilgrims and poor people, to treat them and sometimes offer them room and board. Hospital costs were often paid in kind by handing over farmlands property. The Hospices vineyard was supported over the years by benefactors' donations and legacies, and today represents a prestigious domain, property of the Louis Pasteur's civil hospices. The Domaine Viticole de la Ville de Colmar cultivates this prestigious domain to make this exceptional wine.

The Hospices vineyard is situated on drained soil which heats up very quickly in the spring. This leads to an early development of the vine. The vineyard is also famous for the exceptional microclimate it benefits from. Colmar is one of the French cities where it rains the least. This perfect balance between terroir and microclimate favours early maturity for the grapes, delicacy and mineral feature for the wines.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

The Hospices de Colmar Pinot Gris, stemmed from old vines, develops smoked aromas, mixed with exotic fruits flavours. Full-bodied and heady, full of nobility, this wine is delicate, with a pleasant mild attack, generous and warm on the palate. The wine can be served with foie gras and could replace a red wine with meats, especially game or duck.

## TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation:	Vin d'Alsace AOP
Grape Varieties:	Pinot Gris
Harvest Date:	October 2011
Alcohol:	15.2%
Total Acidity:	6.12 g/L
pH:	3.72
Residual Sugar:	<20.1 g/L
Suggested Retail Price:	\$26

