



# DOMAINE MARC KREYDENWEISS

## KASTELBERG RIESLING GRAND CRU

**THE ESTATE:** The Domaine Marc Kreydenweiss produces biodynamic wines in Alsace and in the Rhone Valley. The winery has been certified since 1989. Today, Kreydenweiss farms a little less than 30 acres of vineyards in Alsace, which include portions of 3 Grand Cru vineyards: Kastelberg, Moenchberg, and Weibelsberg. Riesling, Pinot Gris, and Pinot Blanc dominate the plantings, but Kreydenweiss has other varieties planted, included a small plot of Chardonnay.

**OVERVIEW:** Kastelberg benefits from a geology that is unique in Alsace. In its first 5 years, the Grand Cru class of this Riesling, its length in the mouth and its complexity have all been recognized. Its typical cinnamon and flint aromas appear a little later on; the older vintages (1971-1959-1953) of Kastelberg provide the full measure of this Grand Cru.

**LOCATION:** This terroir is located directly below Andlau and produces one of the oldest and most famous wines-It is mentioned as early as 1064.

**VINIFICATION:** The vinification is traditional in ancestral (80-100 years old) oak barrels for 10 months.

**THE SOIL:** Steige schist

**PRODUCTION AREA:** 106 ares

**ANNUAL PRODUCTION:** 300 cases

### REVIEWS:

**2011 Vintage:** "Crushed stone, smoky black tea and lemon oil make for an aggressively pungent aromatic and palate impression to Kreydenweiss' 2011 Riesling Kastelberg, whose mid-palate firmness leads to a penetratingly piquant though rather austere finish that adds resin and juniper berry...this severely concentrated offering is impressive in its way and will be worth following through at least 2018." **-89pts**, David Schildknecht, *Wine Advocate*

**2010 Vintage:** "Delivers smoky, zesty, saline notes on the nose as well as on a sappy palate that are very consistent with the performances put in by most wines in that collection. Mirabelle, peach kernel, gooseberry, toasted almond and pip as well as rind of lemon make for a penetratingly high-toned and piquant personality, whose underlying stoniness adds to an overall impression of severity. This slate-tipped arrow of a Riesling should merit following through at least 2025." **-91pts**; David Schildknecht; *Wine Advocate*



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