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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: In 1063, a hermit named Gottfried built a chapel here. One relic from this chapel, a pillar, was moved by the Kreydenweiss ancestors to the cellars, where it remains. The other vestige of the chapel is the "fountain of the children," which is actually a well. Local folklore says that young women were sent here to throw bits of sugar into the "fountain" which would help improve their fertility.

LOCATION: AOC Alsace; located at the top of Kastelberg

PRODUCTION AREA: 65 ares

SOIL: La Fontaine aux Enfants vineyard is situated on a plateau of granite and schist soils

THE VINES: Planted with 50% Pinot Blanc and 50% Auxerrois vines. Grapes cultivated from this terroir produce a wine with distinct smoky notes and plush fruit flavors of peach and plum.

AGE OF THE VINES: Planted in 1998

VARIETAL BLEND: 50% Pinot Blanc, 50% Auxerrois

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

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 375 cases

TASTING NOTES: Fresh and mineral based on a beautiful structure. The nose is floral with hints of fresh grapes and fragrant herbs. The palate is soft and has a beautiful minerality.

FOOD PAIRINGS: Pairs well with fish, white meat, frog legs, and goat cheese

CELLARING POTENTIAL: Ready to drink and has aging potential of 10 years