



DOMAINE MARCEL DEISS RELEASED!

All prices quoted including 7% GST

All bottles in 750ml unless otherwise stated.

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Marcel has tended his vineyards along organic lines, using ploughing rather than weed killer, planting grass between the vines, using natural compost and avoiding fertiliser. The wines are stunning examples of fine, mineral, Terroir-driven wines. They have purity, focus and precision. But, thanks to low yields and careful handling, they also have a fresh intensity of flavour which is remarkable.

When speaking of Terroir, the following have to be taken into consideration: geology, penology, climate and microclimate, technical exploitation of the character of the soil, micro fauna and flora, and the traditional methods and techniques used to produce wines

A fascination with medieval history and a desire to produce world class *Vins de Garde* were the impetus behind **Jean-Michel DEISS** quest for excellence from his Alsace vineyards. His commitment and personal integrity have led him to the conclusion that, as in most other parts of France, it is the dedicated nurturing of vines in specific *Terroirs* which produces wines of unique distinction, originality, and authenticity.

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Vol	Wine	Vintage	Price including 7% GST
750 ml	Gruenspiel	2007	79
<p><u>Medium Dry white wine.</u> From a red marl-gravel above Ribeauville, the 2007 Gruenspiel is another of what Deiss calls his “white red wines,” and, indeed, there the blend is one third each Pinot Noir, Gewurztraminer, and Riesling. Green tea, red currant jelly, and overtly chalky and alkaline mineral suggestions on the nose all remind me a bit of a top-notch Chassagne Morgeot. An exchange of peach, musk melon, red currant, and lemon underlain by chalk on a dense palate offers energy and impressive grip, and this finishes with its sweetness restrained by strong, almost ineffable minerality and red wine-like though fine tannin. It should be tremendously fascinating to follow over at least the next 10-12 years, and absolutely devilish to present to the unsuspecting wine sophisticate blind.</p>			
David Schildknecht: 93			
750 ml	Burg	2008	82
<p><u>Medium Dry white wine.</u> A high-toned nose of licorice and maraschino; litchi and apricot distillate; wisteria, honeysuckle, and rowan in Deiss's tous-cepages 2008 Burg led me to anticipate even more than the modest sweetness that greets the taster on a silken palate. In a manner reminiscent of this year's Langenberg, this displays lovely lift and sheer lusciousness of fruit that engages in positively shimmering, kaleidoscopic interchange with profuse and alluring floral essences and saline, chalky, flinty mineral notes in a riveting, truly haunting finish. This should be a profound <u>pleasure</u> to follow for 15-20 years.</p>			
David Schildknecht: 94			
750 ml	Rotenberg	2008	85
<p><u>Medium Dry white wine.</u> Mint, coriander, orange blossom, and Mirabelle distillate rise from the glass of Deiss's Riesling- and Pinot Gris-dominated 2008 Rotenberg, then reprise on a palate of silken textural allure but enlivened with bright lemon and mandarin. Chalky, alkaline mineral notes and a hint of botrytis honey add to the attractions of a lusciously lingering, subtly sweet finish that manages somehow to be both soothing and vivacious. This ought to be fascinating to follow over the next 12-15 years.</p>			
David Schildknecht: 91			

Vol	Wine	Vintage	Price including 7% GST
750 ml	Burlenberg	2008	77
<p>Dry RED wine – which incorporates in the vineyard some Pinot Beurot with its Pinot Noir, and which I tasted as a close approximation from barrels to its final assemblage – delivers a fascinating melange of woody and meaty aromas along with fresh, tart blackberry and dark cherry. These elements migrate to a palate of faint-grained tanninity and saliva-inducing salinity, with the fascination of arboreal and carnal notes continuing in an impressively-sustained finish. Like other Burlenberg bottlings, this will strike some tasters as a bit too austere, but to my mind it exhibits a handsome, athletic sort of leanness and I suspect it harbors a dozen or more years' usefulness and fascination.</p>			
David Schildknecht: 89-90			
750 ml	Langenberg	2009	74
<p>Dry white wine A vintage-typical bitter-sweet alternation of flavors on a – for this granitic site – relatively full palate characterize Deiss's 2009 Langenberg. Alkaline, saline, marine mineral notes mingle with herbal concentrates and winter pear in a satisfyingly persistent finish that is virtually dry. This will be best enjoyed over the next 5-7 years.</p>			
David Schildknecht: 89			
750 ml	Riesling	2011	54
<p>Dry white wine, Apricot and herbs. There is both absolute richness and rather stern acidity in here, delivering a wine that satisfies in its combination of acid drive and fruit richness. There is a proper old school Alsace glory to a wine like this methinks, the texture and weight without excess something to be proud of. Like a stocky winger who can mysteriously run faster than anyone else (and should do so for several years yet). Not profound, but oh-so delicious.</p>			
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