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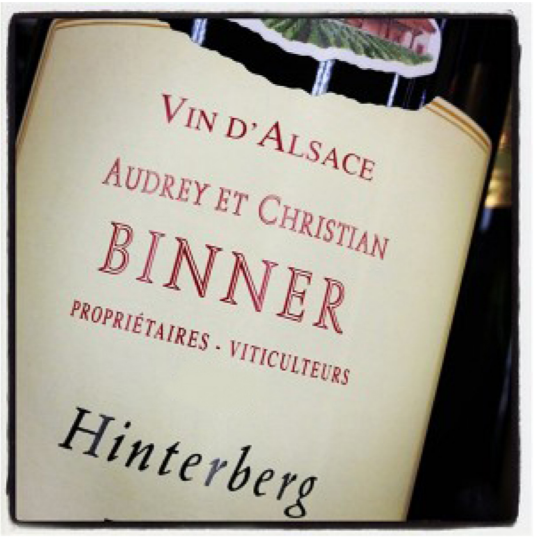
Binner, Hinterberg Pinot Noir

Producer	Binner
Vendor	Jenny & François Selections
Category	Wine - Still - Red
Grape variety	Pinot Noir
Region	Alsace, France
Appellation	Alsace
Features	Organic, Biodynamic, No sulfites added
Alcohol by volume	13.5%



Product information

The .5 hectare Hinterberg parcel is a special lieu dit in the Katzenthal valley, with southern exposure and nestled in a spot protected from cold winds.

Yield: 35 hl/ha
Age of vines: Planted in 2002 from massale selection of vines from Phillippe Pacalet.

Vinification notes: This wine is whole cluster fermented in large foudre, using only indigenous yeast. It spends about 11 months in elevage in foudre and is racked once in spring. Sulfur is never added to this wine and it is unfiltered.

Tasting Notes: This wine is unique among Alsatian Pinot Noirs. It's exuberant fruit is matched by a deep backbone of earth and minerality. More structured than the basic Pinot Noir, the special terroir of this vineyard really shines through this wine. Fancy stuff!

Producer information

The Binner estate was established in 1770 and the family has holdings in two of the most valuable growing sites in Alsace; around the Kaefferkopf Grand Cru and plots in Ammerschwihr. The Binner family owns nine hectares and only six of those hectares are under vine.

The vines average age is 35-years, 40% of the vines are over 60 years old, and many rows are nearing 100. Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Grand Cru Riesling, Gewurztraminer, Pinot Auxerrois and Muscat make up the varieties utilized by this estimable domaine.
The steep vineyard sites have been chemical free for nearly twenty-five years and they are surrounded by nature. The grapes are hand harvested very late for Alsace, early to mid-October, and yield fully ripened fruit that lends their wines a complexity of aromatics and flavors.