



Vineyard
Localities

SCHŒNENBOURG

RIQUEWIHR
& ZELLENBERG



Situated to the north of Riquewihr, the vineyard runs along the rather steep south and south-east flanks of the Schœnenbourg hillside, at an altitude of 265 to 380 metres.

It covers an area of 53,40 ha, over a water-retaining subsoil of Keuper, marl, dolomite and gypsum, rich in fertilising agents, overlaid with fine layers of quaternary siliceous gravel, Vosges sandstone and Muschelkalk, with at its eastern extremity outcrops of Lias marl limestones.

On the Schœnenbourg, Riesling is King. Muscat and Tokay Pinot Gris also prosper admirably.

Renowned ever since the early Middle Ages, the wines of the Schœnenbourg were famous throughout northern Europe in the 16th century. The great Swiss cartographer, Merian, cited in 1663 :

«The Schœnenbourg, which produces the most noble wine of this country». Voltaire owned several vineyards here.

Schœnenbourg Grand Cru wines age particularly well, and in time develop powerful, rich aromas. Its microclimate makes it admirably suited to the production of prestigious Vendanges Tardives and Sélections de Grains Nobles, late-harvest wines.