



Vineyard
Localities

ZINNKËPFLÉ

SOULTZMATT
& WESTHALTEN



A majestic hillside, sheer and steep, facing south and south-east, the Zinnkœpfle or Sonnenkœpfle dominates the picturesque and welcoming valley which ancient documents refer to as Vallis Prænobilis - the most noble valley. The highest vineyard in Alsace thanks to its privileged position, a warm and dry microclimate sheltered from the wind and rain, the Zinnkœpfle allows the vine to prosper, on a calcareous sandstone Trias soil, up to an altitude of 420 metres, almost the limit for Mediterranean and Caspian flora and fauna.

With 71,03 ha of predominantly Muschelkalk soil, the Zinnkœpfle is ideally suited to the emperor of Alsace wines, Gewurztraminer. Riesling and Tokay Pinot Gris also grow well.

Revered by pagan ancestors in ceremonies of sun-worship, hence its name, the Zinnkœpfle has always been known as one of the best-exposed vineyards of Alsace, and its reputation is centuries-old. A main street in the town that leads to the foot of this hillside blessed by the gods is even called Street of Gold !

The shelly limestone of the Zinnkœpfle, allied to a very low rainfall* thanks to the protection afforded by the Petit and the Grand Ballon, results in wines with plenty of bouquet, spicy, full of verve, especially as far as Gewurztraminer is concerned. Paradoxically, Riesling has great finesse and a subtle harmony. Agreeable to enjoy when young, Zinnkœpfle Grand Cru wines age extraordinarily well, and are naturally destined to be great wines for cellaring and for gastronomic occasions.

* 270 mm during the period of vegetation