



ALSACE WILLM®

General Reviews: 2003-2006 Vintages

Wine Spectator

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Pinot Gris 2004 Ripe and round, with floral, peach and citrus flavors picking up a hint of citrus peel on the finish. Straightforward and accessible. Drink now. 2,200 cases made. –BS	\$12	84
Pinot Gris 2005 Peach and apple flavors mesh with the rich texture in this attractive Pinot Gris. Balanced, lingering on the moderate finish. Drink now. 2,500 cases made. –BS	\$12	85
Pinot Blanc 2004 Rich and appealing, this offers honey, vanilla and tropical fruit notes in a soft, open structure. Good finish. Drink now. 2,500 cases made. –BS	\$9	82
Pinot Blanc 2006 This shy white shows hints of pear, honeycomb and lemon zest on a clean, dry framework. Drink now. 3,000 cases made. –AN	\$11	85
Riesling 2004 Very pure, offering apple, pear and peach notes and a hint of citrus blossom. Attractive and crisp, it is perfect as an aperitif or with crab or shellfish. Drink now through 2008. 2,700 cases made. –BS	\$12	86
Riesling 2005 Fresh, floral-scented version, with apple and citrus flavors, fine balance and harmony. Good lingering finish. Drink now. 2,500 cases made. –BS	\$12	86
Riesling 2006 This tangy white shows clementine and light guava notes on a straightforward frame. Slightly tart. Drink now. 3,000 cases made. –AN	\$12	83

Gewurztraminer 2004		
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Ripe yet juicy, with soft talc and floral aromas and flavors complemented by apricot and grapefruit accents. Well-balanced. Lingers nicely. Drink now. 2,500 cases made. –BS	\$13	87
Gewurztraminer 2006		
Light flavors of orange confit, rose and spice sit on a creamy texture in this perfumed white. Open-knit, with tangy acidity and a simple finish. Drink now. 3,000 cases made. –AN	\$14	84
Riesling Emile Willm Reserve 2007		
There's a sweet-tart balance to the flavors of tangerine and peach sorbet in this simple quaffer with a modest floral finish. Drink now. 1,600 cases made. –AN	\$12	82
Gewurztraminer Emile Willm Reserve 2004		
Apricot and grapefruit are the main flavor themes, accented by rose. This is a more elegant version, tailing off on the finish. Drink now. 600 cases made. –BS	\$20	84
Riesling Emile Willm Reserve 2003		
This has hints of banana, yet also peach and quince notes wrapped in a rich texture. There's enough acidity for balance here, but fleshy and ripe for early drinking. Drink now. 850 cases made. –BS	\$20	85
Pinot Gris Emile Willm Reserve 2003		
Like it's fresh from the fermenting tank, this is soft, lightly sweet and grapey. Drink now. 850 cases made. –BS	\$20	80
Pinot Gris Emile Willm Reserve 2004		
Textbook Pinot Gris flavors of peach and apricot with accents of citrus and almond. Rich, yet fresh, this has a lively structure. Drink now. 600 cases made. –BS	\$20	86
Riesling Grand Cru Kirchberg de Barr 2003		
This starts out with petrol and stone notes, before the peach and apricot flavors emerge on the palate. Off-dry, it builds to a richness before drying on the finish. A classic style in a ripe year. Drink now through 2010. 200 cases made. –BS	\$20	89
Gewurztraminer Vendanges Tardives 2002		
Moderate concentration and an open-knit structure give this wine a loose feel. Its main theme is grapefruit, with rose and honey in the supporting roles. Just a little too bitter on the finish, but food should help it. Drink now through 2009. 300 cases made. –BS	\$22	89

Gewurztraminer Selections Grains Nobles 2001

A combination of softness and power announces the caramel, dried lychee and spice flavors. On the lean side and balanced toward the alcohol on the finish. Caramel and hard candy notes linger. Drink now through 2018. 50 cases made. —BS

\$52/500ml 92

Cremant Brut Blanc de Blanc NV

An attractive sparkling white offering broad flavors of honey and beeswax, almost more reminiscent of Chenin Blanc than of Pinot Blanc. Drink now. 5,000 cases made. —BS

\$15 84

Cremant Brut Pinot Noir Rose NV

Round, frothy and tasting like berries. A touch coarse, with a chalklike aftertaste. Drink now. 800 cases made. —BS

\$18 82

Cremant Brut Blanc de Noirs NV

An easy-drinking sparkler. Quite frothy, this is soft and round, with light tones of honey and candied fruit. Drink now. 3,000 cases made. —BS

\$13 84



Pinot Gris 2004

Attractive white fruits and spice dominate the aromas of this fresh, soft, clean wine. There is a considerable amount of residual sugar to go with the spice and the tropical fruits. Acidity is less evident, but there is a firmness that holds the wine together. Imported by Cellar Door Selections. — R.V. (2/1/2006)

\$15 86

Pinot Gris Emile Willm Reserve 2004

Rich and spicy aromas, with just a hint of lychees. The palate is full, packed with spicy, Asian flavors, along with a layer of sweetness, richness and some acidity. Imported by Cellar Door Selections. — R.V. (2/1/2006)

\$22 89

Cremant Brut Blanc de Blancs NV

With crisp apple and green pear flavors this is an attractive apéritif-style wine that could age for a few months in bottle. There is a touch of caramel toastiness that adds complexity to this invigorating wine. Imported by Monsieur Touton Selection Ltd. — R.V. (6/1/2006)

\$15 88

Cremant Brut Blance de Noirs NV

What a solid Alsatian sparkler this is. Some banana and caramel notes richen the nose, while flavors of grapefruit, licorice and lemon zest dot the palate. The finish is dry and toasty, with quite a bit of the essence of citrus rind and pepper. — M.S. (6/1/2003)

\$15 87