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HELFRICH GEWURZTRAMINER GRAND CRU STEINKLOTZ ALSACE 2012

THE DATA

Country: France

Appellation: Alsace Grand Cru AOP

Varietal: Gewurztraminer

Retail Price: \$25

ABV: 13.18%



HOW TO ENJOY IT

This great wine is happy with just a glass but its complex flavors and bright acidity make it an ideal food wine. I suggest pairing this wine with smoked pork chop, roasted duck, smoked salmon, or pan-fried haddock. **Serve chilled but not too cold.**

COOL FACTOR

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I'm hardly alone in loving the wines of Alsace. A top-notch wine from an under-appreciated region and a producer that's flying under the radar adds up to **Fonzie cool**. Grade - A



ANALYSIS



The Helfrich family has been making wines in Alsace for six generations. This wine is crafted from grapes sourced from their Steinkoltz Vineyard - the oldest recorded vineyard in Alsace and **one of just 51 vineyards designated with Grand Cru status**. The grapes were hand-picked in October and November. Fermentation took place in stainless steel at a cool temperature. The resulting wine exudes a strong sense of purity and unique character.



VALUE GRADE

\$25 a bottle is beyond some customers' comfort zone. However, when you can buy a world-class wine with pedigree and pure hedonistic joy - **it's worth every penny**. Alsace continues to deliver some of France's best wine values. Grade - A

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TALKING POINTS



According to Helfrich: "We passionately create our own Alsatian cuvée, vinified in Marlenheim, offering a subtle combination of terroir authenticity and aromatic freshness. Its crisp vibrancy and refreshing finish gives this wine a great gastronomic value."

IN THE GLASS

Appearance: Beautiful pale golden color with dozens of legs streaming down the glass.

Aromatics: The aromatics leap from the glass offering a complex melange ranging from wild flowers to citrus, tropical, and stone fruits with a brilliant mineral edge.

Flavor: Delivers waves of ripe and semi-tart tropical and orchard fruits with candied ginger, mint, and exotic Asian spice notes.

Intensity & Texture: Like all great Alsace Grand Cru wines this one offers seductive, rich flavors while never losing its vibrancy.

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THE SCORE**



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