

Vineyard  
Locality

# MUENCHBERG

NOTHALTEN



**S**heltered from westerly rain and winds by the Ungersberg, a flat-topped Vosges sandstone outlier rising to 901 metres, the Muenchberg's crescent-shaped form absorbs the sunshine and retains its heat. Lining both sides of a small south-facing valley its 17,70 ha enjoy a unique microclimate.

**I**ts soil and subsoil are formed of 250-million-years-old Permian sediments. These conglomerates, often with decomposed elements, are sometimes rich in tufa and volcanic ash. Such poor, stony, sandy soils drain well and warm up rapidly.

**T**he Riesling is the most favoured Muenchberg varietal.

**A**s early as 12th century, Cistercian monks from the nearby Baumgarten Abbey tended the Muenchberg vineyards, and its name in Alsace dialect translates as «*Monks' Mountain*».

**A**noble, late-ripening variety such as Riesling is able to reach its rarely-attained plenitude in this privileged environment. As fertility is low, each vine produces less grapes, but each grape has a concentrated level of quality.