

Vineyard

PRÆLATENBERG

Locality

KINTZHEIM



The battlements of Haut-Koenigsbourg castle overlook the slopes of the Prælatenberg. Situated at an altitude of from 250 to 350 metres, it enjoys an east-south-east orientation.

The metamorphic gneiss bedrock gives heavy, siliceous soil, shallow but embedded with large numbers of iron rich stones cemented with quartz, which favourise both drainage and the heating of the soil. Lower down, the friable crystalline rock has been weathered into mineral-rich silt and gravels brought by water erosion.

The Prælatenberg vineyards cover 18,70 ha and Riesling, Gewurztrammer, Muscat d'Alsace and Pinot Gris all develop to perfection.

Mentioned in 823 AD, the Prælatenberg belonged to the prelates of Ebersmunster abbey. Tended in the last century by winegrowers from Sélestat, it now belongs to the winegrowers of Orschwiller and Kintzheim.

Prælatenberg wines keep very well, and in time develop the character typical of their origin : finesse and elegance.