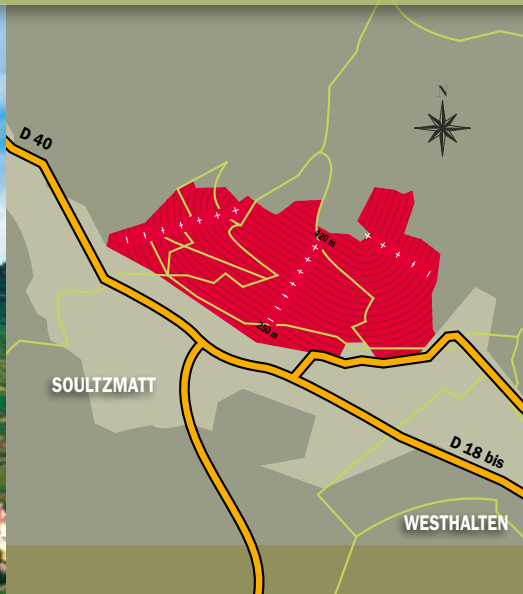


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# ZINNKÖEPLÉ

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**A** majestic hillside, sheer and steep, facing south and south-east, the Zinnköepfle or Sonnenköepflé 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 Zinnköepflé allows the vine to prosper, on calcareous sandstone Trias soil, up to an altitude of 420 metres, almost the limit for Mediterranean and Caspian flora and fauna.

**W**ith 71,03 ha of predominantly Muschelkalk soil, the Zinnköepflé is ideally suited to the emperor of Alsace wines, Gewurztraminer. Riesling and Pinot Gris also grow well.

**R**evered by pagan ancestors in ceremonies of sun-worship, hence its name, the Zinnköepflé 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 !

**T**he shelly limestone of the Zinnköepflé, 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, Zinnköepflé Grand Cru wines age extraordinarily well, and are naturally destined to be great wines for cellaring and for gastronomic occasions.

Location on the vineyard map (back cover fold) 

\* 270 mm during the period of vegetation