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Following a recent buying trip to Alsace we are pleased to introduce Domaine Dopff et Irion, whose wines impressed us with their quality, character and excellent value for money. Situated in Riquewihr, in the heart of the region, the Dopff and Irion families have been producing wines since the 17th Century. The current domaine is the result of a friendship between René Dopff, who was a member of the French resistance, and the French novelist André Malraux. In 1945 they went into business with Madame Irion and together brought Riquewihr castle and a few select vineyards. Today Dopff and Irion is served in prestigious venues such as the Palais de L'Elysée, for the President's diplomatic dinners, as well as at Buckingham Palace for Queen Elizabeth II. In 2002 it won 'Best French Wine Producer' in the International Wine Challenge.

We have long admired this unique and special winemaking region, and its extraordinary terroir. Separated from Germany by the Rhine to the east and France's Vosges Mountains to the west, the vineyards of Alsace sit in the rain shadow of the Vosges and benefit from one of France's driest and sunniest climates. The long, dry autumns create rich and ripe wines which are always bottled as pure varietals. These are perfectly suited to the rich regional cuisine such as foie gras, onion tart and smoked shoulder of pork, as well as world cuisines such as Thai, Indian and Japanese.



Enjoy these excellent wines with our introductory savings, or better still, save over £7 with our six-bottle sampler case, for just £54.95. If you enjoy these excellent wines, look out for our Dopff et Irion Grand Crus—coming soon!

Cuvée Rene Dopff Pinot Blanc 2013, 12%



Although this variety is related to Pinot Gris, stylistically it most closely resembles an elegant Chardonnay. It is a versatile food wine which can be enjoyed as an apéritif or paired with Quiche Lorraine, spring vegetables or simple seafood dishes.

Delicate orchard fruit (green apple peel) combine with a floral nuance and a clean citrus note on a supple, dry palate. A subtle and elegant wine, with a clean tangy finish. Drink now until 2018.

Cuvée Rene Dopff Riesling 2013, 12.5%



Alsace Riesling is typically dry and delicately fruity, and tends to be rounder than their German counterparts. This grape makes wonderful gastronomic pairings. Enjoy with sautéed sea scallops, goats cheese, or choucroute garnie (Sauerkraut with sausages and smoked meats).

A hint of kerosene on the nose (which is typical of Riesling, and pleasantly appealing) mingles with crunchy green apple and a stony minerality. The dry palate has flavours of fleshy red apple and refreshing citrus. Excellent concentration and length, with a textured mouthfeel. Drink now until 2018.

Cuvée Rene Dopff Pinot Gris 2014, 13.5%



Pinot Gris is the same grape variety as Italian Pinot Grigio, however the Alsace expression is quite different. It offers a gorgeously fleshy palate with a honeyed richness and hints of spice. This full-bodied offering can replace red wine with meat dishes, country-style pâté, roasts and game.

Ripe pear with a suggestion of apricot on the nose. The mouth feel is round and gently off-dry, again reminiscent of an extra ripe juicy pear with a touch of green apple for balance. Complex notes of white fruit and honeysuckle are also present. Drink now until 2019.

Cuvée Rene Dopff Gewürztraminer 2013, 13.5%



The Gewürztraminer grape offers an extraordinary sensory experience, delivering a kaleidoscope of aromas with a voluptuous and exuberant palate. It makes an ideal apéritif wine or a great partner to exotically spiced dishes or strong cheeses such as Munster.

A generously aromatic wine with a distinctive lychee note, and a suggestion of Turkish delight (rose petal). These notes follow onto a rounded palate, which is gently off-dry with a hint of spice on the mid-palate. The finish is clean with a youthful spritz. Enjoy now until 2018.

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The six-bottle Sampler Case, just £54.95

Contains: 2 x Riesling, 2 x Pinot Gris,
1 x Gewurztraminer, 1 x Pinot Blanc

Domaine Dopff et Irion Six- Bottle Sampler Case

Full List Price	£62.70
OFFER PRICE	£54.95
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