OLIVIER ROTEN JOHANNISBERG VALAIS, SWITZERLAND

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A many generation, family owned winery located in the heart of the Swiss Alps. Stewards of the mountainous terrain in which they live, breathe and work with their hands, the Roten family pays tribute to their homeland by producing wines of clarity, depth, freshness in the spirit of the Alps. The Caves du Paradis winery and vineyards are located in the township of Sierre at the center of Switzerland's Valais region. Winemaker Olivier Roten is the third generation in his family to produce wine in this mountainous area along the Rhone River. The Roten family's vision has always been to preserve traditional grape varieties and to ensure that their wines reflect the unique alpine terroir in which they are grown. While implementing new techniques and approaches, Olivier remains true to the core family philosophy of using sustainable farming practices and intervening as little as possible in the winery.

Johannisberg

REGION	Coteaux de Sierre, Valais Central
APPELLATION	AOC Valais
VARIETALS	100% Sylvaner
SOIL	Limestone, sandy and rocky soils
VINEYARD ELEVATION	600 meters in elevation (2,000 feet)
VITICULTURE	Sustainable viticulture (in organic conversion), steep slopes, maintained only by hand, hand harvested
WINE MAKING	Directly pressed, Concrete tank fermentation under controlled temperature, no malolactic, aged at least 6 month in concrete tanks
TASTING NOTES	Johannisberg, as it is called in the Valais, is otherwise known as Sylvaner, a grape originally from Germany. After Fendant, it is the second most widely planted white grape in the Valais and has developed an important reputation for its aging potential, as it develops complexity over time. It is rich, round, and aromatic, often displaying notes of almonds with a touch of citrus peel. It is a wine that is often served as an aperitif but also pairs well with fish, chicken or cream-based main dishes. The wine is vinified in stainless steel and goes through partial malolactic fermentation.

