



DOMÄNE
WACHAU



ROSÉ ZWEIGELT FEDERSPIEL® HIMMELSTIEGE 2016



Origin & Terroir

The Himmelstiege was originally a steep terraced vineyard in Dürnstein and a popular wine for decades. Nowadays, the grapes come from terraced vineyards, partially supported by dry stone walls and vineyards along the Danube, mainly from Dürnstein and Loiben. The poor soil in the vineyards and their special exposition yield very typical Wachau wines with pronounced fruit aromas and a unique mineral character.

Grape Variety

Blauer Zweigelt is a classical Austrian grape variety and a crossing of Blaufränkisch and St. Laurent. The variety yields fresh, light wines with pronounced fruit aromas. Red wines (mainly Zweigelt as well as Pinot Noir and St. Laurent) take a share of approximately 6% in Domäne Wachau's total production.

Classification

Federspiel wines have a maximum alcohol content of 12.5%. Chaptalisation is strictly forbidden. The name Federspiel is derived from falconry which was a very popular leisure time activity among the nobility in medieval times. The falcon stands for the remarkable elegance of these dry white wines.

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Vinification

Blauer Zweigelt is quite easily manageable in the vineyards, however, yields tend to become too high without a rigid quantity control. The grapes for this Zweigelt Rosé were harvested between the beginning and middle of October with an average yield of 5.000 kg/ha. The grapes were destemmed, crushed and after several hours of maceration, some of the must was separated and fermented in stainless steel tanks.

Tasting Notes

Bright shining red pink; delicate aromas of cranberry, red cherries and strawberry, hints of citrus, star anise and baking spiciness; medium bodied, the palate is fruity yet balanced with a refreshing acidity. Great drinking pleasure!

Serving Recommendation

Serve well chilled at about 8°C, directly from the fridge. Drink within the first two years after bottling for maximum freshness. A wonderful summer wine, perfectly accompanies salads, antipasti and BBQs.

Alcohol: 12.5% | **Acidity:** 6.4‰ | **Residual Sugar:** 1.0g/l

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