



DOMÄNE
WACHAU



GRÜNER VELTLINER SMARAGD

RIED KIRNBERG 2018



Origin & Terroir

Kirnberg, originally named "Churnperig" in 1451, is located in the western part of Rossatz on the southern bank of the Danube. Set atop a rather a high plateau, the eastern facing vineyard is characterized by massive rocks and paragneiss. The wines from Kirnberg are very elegant with delicate spices and great minerality.

Grape Variety

Grüner Veltliner is gaining increasing international recognition. If treated with diligence and care in the vineyard, Grüner Veltliner can produce world-class wines. Even at a high level of ripeness, the firm and ripe acidity harmonizes with the elegance and finesse of the wine.

Classification

Smaragd is the top category of Wachau wines. The name Smaragd was derived from the magnificent emerald green lizard that can be found basking in hot and sunny spots in the vineyards. Smaragd wines are dry, full-bodied and complex wines with plenty of finesse and great aging potential. Smaragd® is a registered trademark of Vinea Wachau Nobilis Districtus e.V.

Vinification

Multiple vineyard selections and ongoing crop management reduced the vineyard yield to about 6.800 kg per hectare. Grüner Veltliner grapes were carefully handpicked in the mid of October. After maceration, the fermentation (partly spontaneous) and maturation took place in large wooden casks and stainless-steel tanks.

Tasting Notes

This wine is medium yellow-green. On the nose, it is open and approachable yet subtle and playful with aromas of pear, white pepper, grapefruit and subtle smoky spices. The palate is juicy, lively and smooth, well balanced with a refreshing acidity, great minerality, and a long-lasting finish with fine spices and a pronounced minerality.

Enjoyment

Serve well chilled directly from the fridge. The wine perfectly accompanies a variety of fish dishes, deep-fried dishes and the traditional Austrian "Tafelspitz" (beef pot roast). Already very approachable, drink now or age for 3-5 years.

- 4 glasses | WEIN.PUR
- 94 points | FALSTAFF
- 3 stars | VINARIA
- 94 points | A LA CARTE
- 1st Rank: 97,20 points | GOURMETWELTEN

Alcohol: 13,5% | **Acidity:** 6,3% | **Residual Sugar:** 1,2 g/l

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