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**Robert Parker Issue March 2020:
Austria: All Along the Danube River – The 2018s From
the North of Vienna to the Wachau**

Tasted & reviewed by Stephan Reinhardt, published 31st of March 2020

94 points - Riesling Smaragd Ried Achleiten 2018

The 2018 Ried Achleiten Riesling Smaragd is clear, intense and flinty on the concentrated and herbal/floral nose, with apricot, ginger and pumpkin seed aromas. Lush, fresh and very mineral on the palate, this is a fascinating Riesling from the prestigious Achleiten. It is highly complex, lush and elegant and combines finesse and freshness with substance, grip and tension. This wine speaks to the hedonist as well as the intellectual. Absolutely fabulous. Tasted at the domain in September 2019. Drink Date: 2020-2040

93+ points – Riesling Smaragd Ried Singerriedel 2018

The 2018 Ried Singerriedel Riesling Smaragd delivers the same coolish, precise and flinty apricot flavor like the Bruck Riesling but with even more depth, flint stone and complexity. Lush, highly elegant and refined on the palate, this is a rich and concentrated but balanced, quiet and flowing Riesling with ripe and coolish apricot flavors on the dense, perfectly spicy, sustainably salty and structured finish. A great wine. Tasted at the domain in September 2019. Drink Date: 2020-205

**93 points – Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Ried Kellerberg
2018**

The 2018 Ried Kellerberg Grüner Veltliner Smaragd has a clear, elegant and open, very mineral bouquet with coolish herbal and stony aromas intertwined with ripe stone fruit aromas. Round and elegant on the palate, this is a well-balanced and charming, round and finely structured, persistently salty Grüner with an always refined finish with remarkable intensity and richness. A really excellent wine and one of the finest Kellerbergs I have tasted from Domäne Wachau. Tasted at the domain in September 2019. Drink Date: 2020-2038

93 points – Riesling Smaragd Ried Kellerberg 2018

The 2018 Ried Kellerberg Riesling Smaragd is surprisingly coolish, flinty and herbal on the focused and elegant nose. Lush and round on the palate, this is an intense, lush and persistently salty Riesling with great complexity, grip and tension on the finish. Impressive in its combination of richness, finesse and mineral freshness. Tasted at the domain in September 2019. Drink Date: 2019-2038



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92 points – Riesling Federspiel Ried Bruck 2018

From a very cool and stony gneiss spot in the Spitzer Graben, the 2018 Ried Bruck Riesling Federspiel shows a beautifully fine and delicately aromatic and spicy bouquet of apricots and white blossoms. Lean and strong on the palate, with intense and spicy fruit intermixed with crystalline flinty notes, this is a fascinatingly coolish, clear and spicy Riesling of great finesse and elegance. It's lithe but intense and concentrated and delivers the typical Wachau apricot in perfect shape. Tasted at the domain in September 2019. Drink Date: 2020-2040

91+ points - Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Ried Axpoint 2018

From a very late harvest below the Singerriedel, the 2018 Ried Axpoint Grüner Veltliner Smaragd is intensely fruity and spicy on the deep and elegant nose. Full-bodied, lush and refined on the palate, this is an elegant, mouth-filling and tannic Veltliner with rather subtle crystalline acidity and mineral structure in the background. This is an almost massive but still elegant, refined and balanced Veltliner that should be cellared for two or three years and served with richer dishes. Nicely fresh and piquant on the aftertaste and with fine bitters. Tasted at the domain in September 2019. Drink Date: 2022-2037

91 points - Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Ried Achleiten 2018

The 2018 Ried Achleiten Grüner Veltliner Smaragd is flinty and coolish on the shy but mysterious and very spicy, concentrated and precise nose, with its delicate legume aromas. Lush and elegant on the refined and balanced but also tensioned palate, this is a firm and concentrated, lush and aromatic Veltliner with a linear course on the palate. The finish is crunchy and firm, a tiny bit dry or phenolic, asking for another three years of bottle aging. Tasted at the domain in September 2019. Drink Date: 2023-2038

91 points – Riesling Federspiel Ried Loibenberg 2018

The 2018 Ried Loibenberg Riesling Federspiel opens with a perfectly ripe and aromatic, spicy-piquant apricot aroma that is more generous, darker toned and fleshy than that of the Bruck Federspiel. Lush and elegant on the palate, this is a generous and seductive Riesling with a long, intense and lush finish. Some Muscat, apricot chutney and potted ginger flavors on the aftertaste. Tasted at the domain in September 2019. Drink Date: 2020-2030