WINE ENTHUSIAST 96

Cellar Selection

Domäne Wachau 2018 Ried Achleiten Smaragd Riesling (Wachau)

A subtle but pure note of Mandarin orange rises from the glass. On the palate, a far more lemony flavor takes over, reminiscent as much of fresh, ripe Amalfi lemon peel as of candied lemon. It is pervasive and driven, filling mouth and mind with its citrus richness and allure. There is drive, concentration, ripeness and zest. The finish is long, dry and very appetizing. Drink 2025-2045.

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WINE ENTHUSIAST 95

Cellar Selection

Domäne Wachau 2018 Ried Kellerberg Smaragd Riesling (Wachau)

Dried hay flower notes add an ethereal edge to the lemony perfume on the nose. The palate comes in with generous Mirabelle plum and peach juiciness, laced with streaks of zesty, ripe Mandarin orange. There is a pithy, mouthwatering, salty edge that provides energy and elegance to this wine. Drink 2025-2045.

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WINE ENTHUSIAST 95

Domäne Wachau 2018 Ried Kellerberg Smaragd Grüner Veltliner (Wachau)

Dried white currant and dried lemon peel create a lifted, intense but also very pure nose. The palate picks up these zesty notions and uses them to corral generous ripeness that suggests gilded, glowing, almost candied pear and Mirabelle plum. All the while there is a zesty, peppery savoriness that tingles around the edges, despite the undeniable heat, power and drive. Leave this genie in its bottle for a decade—you cannot unleash this giant now. Drink 2030-2045.

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WINE ENTHUSIAST 94

Domäne Wachau 2018 Ried Achleiten Smaragd Grüner Veltliner (Wachau)

Subtle notions of dried Mandarin orange peel mingle with savory hints of crushed, dried sage on the nose. The palate continues with this rounded, generous, aromatic theme but frames it tightly with citrus freshness on the bold, concentrated palate. These lovely notions of dried citrus peel and that herbal tinge make for a long, lingering and utterly appetizing finish.

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