

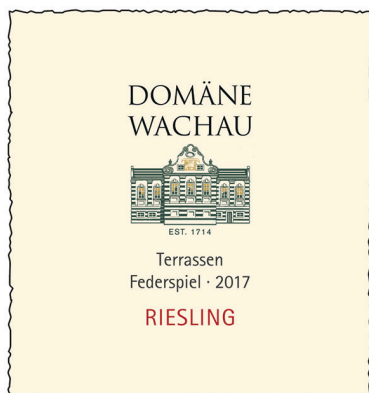
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Year's Best Austrian Wines

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2017 Wachau Terrassen Riesling Federspiel (Best Buy) A flexible riesling, this is thirst-quenching in its limey freshness and saline minerality, as well as complex in its spicy, earthy savor. It's one to buy by the case, both for summer parties and fancier dinners.

Reviewed by Tara Q. Thomas.



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2017 Wachau Liebenberg Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Super tangy, this hits the spot for a Federspiel veltliner, both in weight and spirit. It feels like a cloud of limey, spicy flavor, transparent yet penetrating. Grown in a vineyard full of amphibolite and paragneiss at the western end of Dürnstein, it's a grüner with delicious restraint. *Reviewed by Tara Q. Thomas.*



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2016 Wachau Achleiten Riesling Smaragd Roman Horvath, MW, the director of this cooperative, and winemaker Heinz Frischengruber hit it out of the park with the 2016 Riesling Smaragd from Achleiten's high, steep slopes. It's ripe, firm and cool, the flavors as juicy and refreshing as chilled melon and mango. Steely acidity drives the wine, keeping it pristine through the long finish. Delicious now if you like austere riesling; cellar it if you'd rather enjoy the richer, gentler flavors that will come with age. *Reviewed by Tara Q. Thomas.*

