



DOMÄNE
WACHAU

GRÜNER VELTLINER V.D.N 2021

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BACKSTAGE

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ORIGIN & TERROIR

Grüner Veltliner in a different way. Our homage to the versatility of the grape variety: Grüner Veltliner fortified with Grüner Veltliner brandy from the Wachau. V.D.N. stands for "Veltliner Doux Naturel" in the style of the southern French Vin Doux Naturel. The grapes were hand-picked from vineyards throughout the Wachau valley.

VINTAGE 2021

A notably cold spring and a cool summer pushed back the growing calendar. Then came a picture-perfect autumn: glorious weather, filled with plentiful sunshine, dry days and cool nights – ideal conditions for the optimally ripened fruit that powers a truly grand vintage. This year will be remembered for its wines of good concentration and compelling elegance and finesse, combined with depth, tremendous momentum and tension on the palate and challenging acidity.

VINEYARD & CELLAR

The grapes for Grüner Veltliner V.D.N. were hand-picked in mid-October at "Smaragd"-quality. After maceration and fermentation in stainless steel tanks, the fermentation was stopped by the addition of Wachau Grüner Veltliner brandy with 60% at a final residual sugar level of about 90g. This gives the wine a wonderful sweetness, but still a powerful body with elegantly spicy aromas. The wine matured in wooden casks on the fine lees until May to gain additional complexity.

CHARACTER & STYLE

In the nose very open and accessible, warm fruit aromas, orange zest, stewed pear, allspice, quince, dried herbs, intense and smoky tobacco notes, chocolate shavings and hints of butterscotch; punchy and tight on the palate, full-bodied and elegant, balanced sweetness with refreshing acidity and very typical for the grape variety; very long-lasting. Ideally chilled, straight from the fridge, V.D.N. is an excellent aperitif, but also a perfect drink for the end of the menu. It is a sophisticated accompaniment for a variety of cheeses, from sheep's cream cheese to red smear, matured hard cheese and blue cheese. The wine goes well with strong game pies or with sautéed liver. You can also try it with desserts such as curd dumplings with roasted apricots or apples in a dressing gown, where it can also shine as a characterful companion. Grüner Veltliner V.D.N. is already very approachable in its youth but has tremendous aging potential.

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Alcohol: 16,5 % | Acidity: 5,7 % | Residual Sugar: 85 g/l



BAROQUE CELLAR PALACE



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