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## **Austria, Hungary & France: Miscellaneous**

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In this report, you will find reviews for a potpourri of wines I tasted in my home office over the last weeks and months. These include the first 2021s from Domäne Wachau in Austria, which indicate a spectacular vintage for the Danube Valley, about which I will report in detail this autumn after the release of the Erste Lage wines from the Traditionsweingüter.



*Heinz Frischengruber and Roman Horvath MW from Domäne Wachau*

Enjoy finding some hidden secrets!

## Domäne Wachau Ratings

### **Riesling Federspiel Ried Bruck 2021 – 95 points**

From a steep cru on gneiss and marble in the cooler Spitzer Graben area of the Wachau, the 2021 Ried Bruck Spitz Riesling Federspiel opens with a deep, pure and intense, very elegant and complex nose with ripe Riesling aromas intermingled with enormously stony notes. On the palate, this is a spectacular, complex and refined Riesling with great intensity and terroir expression. The term Federspiel downsizes this Riesling a bit, although it is an elegant, medium to full-bodied wine that has the complexity, finesse and intensity of a grand cru. Definitely a wine to have from this superb vintage. The aftertaste is spectacular in its mineral tension and salinity. That's Riesling at its best! 12.5% stated alcohol. Screw cap closure. Tasted in June 2022.

### **Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Ried Liebenberg 2021 – 94 points**

From a steep, terraced, south-facing slope with ancient dry stone walls and weathered gneiss soils, the 2021 Ried Liebenberg Dürnstein Grüner Veltliner Federspiel opens with an intensely mineral bouquet that is reminiscent of Prinz Salm's Wallhausen Felsenberg Nahe Riesling Grosses Gewächs from green slate. This is very clear, elegant and complex, with vegetal rather than fruit aromas and this characteristic saline tone from weathered gneiss. On the palate, this is a refined and crystalline, finely tannic Veltliner with intense, elegant fruit. Everything here is perfectly interwoven and simply outstanding in its terroir expression. If the Bruck is the "must buy" of the domaine's Rieslings, the Liebenberg is a star of the Grüner Veltliners. Definitely a grand cru with long-lasting salinity and finesse. Gorgeous! 12.5% stated alcohol. Screw cap closure. Tasted in June 2022.

### **Riesling Federspiel Ried 1000-Eimer-Berg 2021 – 93+ points**

From a very steep cru on paragneiss, the 2021 Ried 1000-Eimer-Berg Spitz Riesling Federspiel opens with a deep, intense and flinty bouquet of cold smoke, melting stones and ripe but coolish-elegant Riesling aromas. On the palate, this is a textured and intense, very fine and tensioned dry Riesling with very fine tannins and stimulating grip. The fruit is ripe and the body is supple yet not alcoholic. This is a mouth-filling and aromatic Riesling with substance and finesse. Superb! 12.5% stated alcohol. Screw cap closure. Tasted in June 2022.

### **Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Ried Kaiserberg 2021 – 92+ points**

From a steep, terraced slope on the west side of Dürnstein and cultivated on paragneiss soils, the 2021 Ried Kaiserberg Dürnstein Grüner Veltliner Federspiel offers a coolish and spicy, pretty smoky and herbal bouquet of white-seed fruits. On the palate, this is an intense but also structured and piquant Veltliner with a long and complex, finely bitter finish. Excellent. This is a classic Grüner with a rather coolish and stony nature. 12.5% stated alcohol. Screw cap closure. Tasted in June 2022.



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### **Roter Traminer Reserve 2021 – 92 points**

From old, terraced vineyards on paragneiss, the 2021 Roter Traminer Spitz an der Donau Reserve opens with a clear, deep, elegant and aromatic as well as coolish and flinty bouquet that is more Wachau or even Spitz than Traminer. On the palate, this is a round, lush and elegant, pretty intense and finely tannic Traminer with ripe fruit and fine bitters on the finish. It's refreshing and food friendly yet not as deep, rich and complex as Traminer can get, if picked later. 13% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted in June 2022.

### **Müller-Thurgau Extrem MTX 2021 – 92 points**

From 60-year-old vines on meager gneiss in a highly located site, the 2021 Müller-Thurgau Extrem MTX is pure and fresh on the aromatic nose. Bone dry but lush and grippy on the palate, this is a light but intense and structured Müller with a good, intense and juicy finish. It's very stimulating and excellent to have with fish or white meat dishes. Don't worry about fat; this Müller cuts through. 12% stated alcohol. Screw cap closure. Tasted in June 2022.

### **Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Ried Kollmitz 2021 – 90 points**

From the steep, terraced, south-facing slope on Danube gravels in Joching, the 2021 Ried Kollmitz Weissenkirchen Grüner Veltliner Federspiel opens with bright and elegant fruit with delicate sur lie notes. Fresh and piquant on the palate, this is a lush, finely grippy and phenolic Veltliner with delicate grapefruit bitters on the stimulating finish. 12.5% stated alcohol. Screw cap closure. Tasted in June 2022.

### **Riesling Federspiel Terrassen 2021 – 90 points**

The 2021 Riesling Federspiel Terrassen opens with a ripe and finely concentrated, fleshy bouquet of spicy Riesling berries intertwined with iodine notes of crushed stones. On the palate, this is a mouth-filling, intense and remarkably complex and juicy dry Riesling that is more suitable for a dinner than as an aperitif. The acidity is more mineral and intertwined with phenolics rather than racy. This is a serious wine in fact. 12% stated alcohol. Screw cap closure. Tasted in June 2022.

### **Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Terrassen 2021 – 89 points**

The 2021 Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Terrassen offers a pure, clear, fresh, spicy and aromatic bouquet with white peach aromas and the coolish breeze of the classic Wachau. On the palate, this is a mouth-filling, fruity, round, stimulating, piquant and grippy Veltliner with light to medium body. It's a highly stimulating and refreshing white that should be served chilled at eleven degrees Celsius on hot summer days. 12% stated alcohol. Screw cap closure. Tasted in June 2022.