



DOMÄNE  
WACHAU

# ZWEIGELT ROSÉ FEDERSPIEL HIMMELSTIEGE 2022

This rosé has pronounced mineral character, intense fruit and enchanting freshness - a wine with style and character.

## ORIGIN & TERROIR

The Himmelstiege was originally a steep terraced vineyard in Dürnstein and a popular wine for decades. Nowadays, the grapes come from terraced vineyards, partially supported by dry stone walls and vineyards along the Danube, mainly from Dürnstein and Loiben. The poor soil in the vineyards and their special exposition yield very typical Wachau wines with pronounced fruit aromas and a unique mineral character.

## VINTAGE 2022

A mild and dry winter was followed by a wet April. The moisture captured by the soil during that time helped carry the vines through the hot summer days. Unfortunately, the weather turned poorly in September. We found ourselves frequently fighting the rains, especially at the beginning of harvest. To our delight, the sun returned as the calendar switched to October, and the grapes enjoyed a slow, ideal ripening. The result: elegant and focused wines of energy and tension that captivate the palate with vibrant acidity, clarity, and concentration.

## VINEYARD & CELLAR

Blauer Zweigelt is quite easily manageable in the vineyards, however, yields tend to become too high without a rigid quantity control. Work in the vineyard takes place based on sustainable and, increasingly, organic principles, without the use of insecticides or herbicides, and grapes are hand-picked. The grapes were destemmed and left in the press for a few hours, then pressed and further vinified in stainless steel tanks like white wine.

## CHARACTER & STYLE

Delicate aromas of cassis, black cherries and strawberry, hints of citrus, star anise and delicate spiciness; medium bodied, the palate is fruity yet balanced with a refreshing acidity. Great drinking pleasure! The name Federspiel is derived from falconry which was a very popular leisure time activity among the nobility in medieval times. The falcon stands for the remarkable elegance of these dry wines. Serve well chilled, directly from the fridge. Drink within the first year after bottling for maximum freshness. This rosé is perfect as a summer wine for a casual afternoon on the terrace, on the beach or on the balcony. The wine goes well with light or spicy Mediterranean dishes such as a Sakhshuka, a Greek salad with sheep's cheese, antipasti or a fish platter with tzatziki. It also ideally accompanies Austrian cuisine such as Roast chicken with french fries, sauteed porcini or a fried trout with vegetables. This tangy Federspiel also excels with Far Eastern cuisine such as Thai Kho To (braised and caramelized fish).

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Alcohol: 12,0 % | Acidity: 6,3 ‰ | Residual Sugar: 2,5 g/l



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HIMMELSTIEGE



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