

PINOT NOIR RESERVE 2021



DOMÄNE
WACHAU

This cool climate red wine has elegant fruit, firm tannins, deep spice, and fine mineral character. The Wachau demonstrates terroir for Pinot Noir as well.

ORIGIN & TERROIR

Red wine grapes for this Pinot Noir were sourced from vineyards surrounding the wine village of Weissenkirchen, small lots were sourced from Rossatz-Arnsdorf and Mautern on the Danube's south bank. In Weissenkirchen, the vines grow on lower stone-walled terrace slopes which are dominated by meagre primary rock soils. In Rossatz-Arnsdorf and Mautern, the vineyards are planted on loess soils with a high lime component.

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

Pinot Noir generally produces low yields (4.000 kg/hectare). Pinot Noir grapes for this Reserve were harvested in the beginning of October and vinified in two separate charges. The juice extraction was around 15%. One part was fermented in stainless steel with gentle pumping; the other part was foot batonnage and fermented in the open barrel with manual batonnage. The skin contact was for about 7 days. The wine had its malolactic fermentation and maturation in used 300-litre oak casks for 18 months.

CHARACTER & STYLE

Open and multi-layered on the nose offering spicy liquorice, subtle hints of tobacco, black pepper and appealing fruit flavours of ripe sour cherries and red currant and wild strawberry. In the mouth, the wine is quite firm and well-structured yet tight and elegant leading to an expressive finish. The silky tannins lend abundant drinking pleasure. Long and lingering finish. This wine is a versatile food match: pasta, pizza or meat dishes – particularly veal or beef. We also recommend serving it with lamb or slightly more full-flavoured cheese. This wine can be enjoyed young but will also age well for 5-8 years. Ideal serving temperature is 19°C. It goes well with classic Austrian cuisine such as Zwiebelrostbraten (roast beef with onions), roast lamb shank or Steinpilzgröstl (mushrooms with potatoes and meat), as well as with Mediterranean dishes such as a Bistecca Fiorentina or an Ossobuco. Pinot Noir Reserve also supports dishes from Far Eastern cuisine such as a Peking duck, a glazed pork belly or a seared Japanese Wagyu beef.

2021: tba

2020: Europe No 1 – Worldwide No 3 | WORLD'S BEST VINEYARDS

2019: 91 Points | FALSTAFF



Alcohol: 13,0 % | Acidity: 5,6 ‰ | Residual Sugar: 1,0 g/l



BAROUE CELLAR PALACE



OAK-BARRELS



ROMAN HORVATH MW &
HEINZ FRISCHENGROBER

