



DOMÄNE
WACHAU

GRÜNER VELTLINER SMARAGD WEISSENKRICHEN 2022

Impressingly complex! This Smaragd shows balance and concentration. A remarkable Grüner Veltliner.

ORIGIN & TERROIR

The grapes for the "Weissenkirchen" - wines (one of Domäne Wachau's "village"- bottlings) are sourced from vineyards surrounding the "commune" of Weissenkirchen. This "commune" includes, besides Weissenkirchen itself, the Wachau villages of Joching, Wösendorf and St. Michael. The wines display the uniquely elegant and mineral style that is typical for this part of the Wachau. Vineyards include premium sites such as Achleiten, Klaus, Kollmütz and Weitenberg.

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

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 are carefully selected and then processed in a pneumatic tank press, with the must then fermented under controlled temperature and aged on their fine lees in stainless steel tanks.

CHARACTER & STYLE

The nose is very expressive with aromas of ripe apples, pears, hints of fresh herbs and an intrusion of smoky tobacco. Compact and powerful on the palate, the elegant and delicate cooking spices harmonize well with the refreshing acidity and long finish. The term Smaragd stands for dry, dense, and complex wines of the Wachau; Apart from structure and depth, Smaragd wines also convince with great storage potential. Serve well chilled, directly from the fridge. It goes perfectly with Austrian dishes such as sauteed calf's liver, Viennese fried porcini with sauce Tartare or rice meat. Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Weissenkirchen also goes well with Mediterranean cuisine such as Ossobuco, Souvlaki or Cevapcici. The wine also perfectly accompanies spicy Thai curry with coconut milk or Sichuan beef. Very approachable in its youth, this wine has the potential to age for at least 3-5 years.



Alcohol: 13,0 % | Acidity: 5,8 ‰ | Residual Sugar: 1,3 g/l

- 2022: 92 Points | DECANTER
- 2021: 93 Points | FALSTAFF
- 2020: 92 Points | FALSTAFF 93 Points | DECANTER
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- 2019: 92 Points | FALSTAFF



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