



DOMÄNE  
WACHAU

# RIESLING SMARAGD <sup>RIED</sup> KELLERBERG 2022

The Kellerberg - Dürnstein's impressive landmark right behind our Baroque Cellar Palace - is famous for wines with impressive concentration and a great ageing potential.

## ORIGIN & TERROIR

Kellerberg is Dürnstein's steep landmark mountain, rising behind the Kellerschlössel (Domäne Wachau's baroque cellar castle). The vines root deeply into the light-coloured "Gföhler Gneiss", which consists mainly of feldspar and quartz and, in some areas, also covered by sandy loess soil in some parts of Kellerberg. The strong Pannonian climate influence on the Kellerberg yields full-bodied and complex, yet impressively mineral-driven wines.

## 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

The cultivation of the steep dry stone terraced vineyards and the poor soil, which can only be worked by hand, reduce the yield. Riesling grapes from the Kellerberg are harvested by hand in several picking passages and strict selection. After several hours of maceration on the skins and fermentation (partly spontaneously) in stainless steel tanks, the wine is aged in large wooden casks for a few months after initial time in stainless steel tanks. A late bottling after summer offers additional depth.

## CHARACTER & STYLE

Riesling is a very demanding grape variety in the vineyard and needs the best sites - the Kellerberg is ideal for this. The nose is fruity with typical aromas of stone fruit, ripe apricot and pear. A firm structure on the palate with a mineral aftertaste. The term Smaragd stands for dry, dense, and complex wines of the Wachau; Apart from structure and depth, Smaragd wines also convince with great ageing potential. Served well chilled Riesling Smaragd Ried Kellerberg goes perfectly with Far Eastern dishes such as a fish curry or tandoori chicken. It also goes well with local cuisine, such as fried chicken with potato and bird salad. Riesling Kellerberg is also great with Fegato alla Veneziana (veal liver) or a Greek moussaka.

2022: 96 Points | FALSTAFF 17 Points | JANCIS ROBINSON 97 Points | A LA CARTE

2021: 95 Points | FALSTAFF 94 Points | JAMES SUCKLING 97 Points | A LA CARTE  
94 Points | PARKER

2020: 96 Points | A LA CARTE 95 Points | FALSTAFF  
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2019: 96 Points | PARKER 95 Points | FALSTAFF 93 Points | JAMES SUCKLING

2018: 95 Points | WINE ENTHUSIAST 93 Points | PARKER



Alcohol: 13,5 % | Acidity: 7,4 ‰ | Residual Sugar: 3,4 g/l



BAROQUE CELLAR PALACE



RIED KELLERBERG



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