



DOMÄNE  
WACHAU

# GRÜNER VELTLINER FEDERSPIEL <sup>RIED</sup> KREUZBERG 2023

**A prime vineyard on the south bank of the Danube River in Rossatz. Amphibolite rock and large temperature fluctuations mark the terroir of this site.**

## ORIGIN & TERROIR

Kreuzberg is a single vineyard on the southern bank of the Danube River in Rossatz, which faces east and west due to its semi-circular form. The climate and soil of Kreuzberg are characterized by cold air streams from the Dunkelsteiner forest. The terroir is distinguished by a diverse para gneiss complex, amphibolite rocks and cool fall winds with great differences between day and night temperatures. The wines of Kreuzberg are extremely complex and very elegant.

## VINTAGE 2023

An exceptionally mild and dry winter was followed by a cool spring, which provided the soil with plenty of moisture. The vines benefited from this often during the hot summer days. Several hailstorms came through the region in what was a very good year until the Autumn. High September temperatures and the resulting ripeness was compensated for by cool October nights, so that in the end we were able to harvest ripe and healthy grapes. The result is balanced and harmonious wines with a rounder texture and complex, juicy aromas.

## 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 distinctive aromas of Chinese pear and white pepper, delicate notes of dried herbs and tropical fruits set this wine apart. The body is medium, with a mouth-watering acidity, beautifully balanced by a juicy yet spicy finish. This is a delicious and classic example of a Grüner Veltliner from the Wachau. 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 white wines. Should be drunk well chilled and is a perfect accompaniment to traditional Austrian cuisine such as roasted kidneys or a roasted chicken and also to Mediterranean cuisine such as spaghetti alle vongole and branzino in a salt crust. This well-structured Federspiel also accompanies dishes from the Far Eastern cooking style such as Vietnamese Ca Kho To (braised and caramelized fish). Drink within the first three years after bottling for maximum freshness.



- 2023: 91 Points | A LA CARTE      92 Points | FALSTAFF
- 2022: 92 Points | FALSTAFF    91 Points | TASTED (A. LARSSON)
- 92+ Points | A LA CARTE    90 Points | JAMES SUCKLING
- 2021: 91 Points | PARKER    93 Points | FALSTAFF    17 Points | J. ROBINSON
- 2020: 92 Points | FALSTAFF    93 Points | PARKER    16 Points | GAULT&MILLAU
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Alcohol: 12,5 % | Acidity: 5,8 ‰ | Residual Sugar: 1,0 g/l



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