



DOMÄNE
WACHAU

RIESLING SMARAGD ^{RIED} LOIBENBERG 2022

This Riesling is a true powerhouse among the wines of the Wachau. It exhibits impressive concentration, deep character and a very long finish.

ORIGIN & TERROIR

Loibenberg is one of the "Grand Crus" of Austria. The ancient dry-stone walls (some are dating back to the 14th century) reach up to 420 m above sea level. The soil is dominated by weathered primary rock, so called "Gföhler Gneiss", with layers of loess and loam in some areas. Warm pannonian airstreams make Loibenberg the „hotplate“ of the Wachau. Stretching out over more than 20 hectares, the Loibenberg is one of the Wachau's largest single vineyards and famous for its diversified microclimate.

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

Our Riesling stands on particularly high parcels of the Loibenberg. Due to the very poor soil, the yields are particularly low. Artisanship and sustainable cultivation guarantee precise soil and foliage work. It is harvested by hand and in several harvesting passages. After a maceration on the skins for a few hours, the wine is fermented in steel tanks.

CHARACTER & STYLE

Expressive on the nose, with ripe stone fruit aromas, orange zest and a hint of lime. Characterized on the palate by tropical fruit, ripe mango and pineapple; finely structured, clear fruit, salty and mineral notes, very complex, with lively acidity. A wine with a lot of potential. 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. Enjoyed chilled it goes well with a variety of fish dishes such as for example, a fried Branzino with asparagus risotto or a hearty Frutti di Mare pizza as well as typical Austrian dishes such as rissoles with mashed potatoes or a boiled beef with apple horseradish and chive sauce. But the wine also harmonizes wonderfully with an Indian spicy fish curry.

- 2022: 94 Points | FALSTAFF 95 Points | A LA CARTE 17 Points | JANCIS ROBINSON
94 Points | VINOUS
- 2021: 95 Points | FALSTAFF 94 Points | JAMES SUCKLING 93 Points | PARKER
- 2020: 94 Points | A LA CARTE 93 Points | FALSTAFF
Europe No 1 - Worldwide No 3 | WORLD'S BEST VINEYARDS
- 2019: 93 Points | FALSTAFF 5 Stars | VINARIA
- 2018: 93 Points | FALSTAFF



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



BAROQUE CELLAR PALACE



RIED LOIBENBERG



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