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

## A versatile food wine! Spicy, mineral style, hand-picked from steep terraces in Dürnstein.

### **ORIGIN & TERROIR**

"Kaiserberg "(the "emperor's hill ") was the ancient campground of emperor Charlemange who banished the Avars from the Wachau around 800 AD. The vineyard is situated west of Dürnstein. Wines from Kaiserberg are renowned for their superb overall balance and their classical mineral character.

#### 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

Intense aromas including white flowers, subtle hints of stone fruit and smoky sweet spices as well as elegant tropical fruits. In the mouth it is a well-balanced, fresh wine with lively acidity, flavourful fruit and well-structured salty character causing it to linger on the palate. 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. Serve chilled. Drink now or store to mature for two or three years. Perfectly accompanies light Italian cuisine such as a prosciutto with melon, perfect with classic Austrian cuisine (crispy Wiener Schnitzel with potato salad), but also with a spicy Indian tandoori chicken.

2023: 92 Points | A LA CARTE 91 Points | FALSTAFF

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- 2021: 92+ Points | PARKER 91 Points | FALSTAFF
- 2020: 92 Points | FALSTAFF 91 Points | PARKER Europe No 1 - Worldwide No 3 | WORLD'S BEST VINEYARDS
  2019: 92 Points | FALSTAFF
- 2018: SILVER | IWC 92+ Points | A LA CARTE



BAROQUE CELLAR PALACE



RIED KAISERBERG





Alcohol: 12,5 % | Acidity: 5,6 ‰ | Residual Sugar: 1,2 g/l



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