



DOMÄNE  
WACHAU

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

**Elegant, exotic components and spicy mineral notes are the convincing attributes of this classic Federspiel from the east end of the Wachau**

## ORIGIN & TERROIR

The history of the vineyard Liebenberg dates back to the 14th century. Early records mention "lieb'nperig", which later became „Liebenberg“. The views of this south- and southwest facing site are lined by stone-walls. Liebenberg is situated in the western part of Dürnstein and has rather cooler influences compared to for example Kellerberg. Liebenberg is one of the most fascinating vineyards in the Wachau; various forms of paragneiss represent the parent rock for the soils. Dark amphibolite outcrops are scattered everywhere, and amphibolite is also found in the stone walls. Due to its meagre terrain, the wines are characterized by elegance and subtle minerality.

## 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 wine shows hints of ripe yellow apple, white peach, spicy notes of pepper and subtle hints of papaya; the palate is pronounced with a salty character, juicy fruit and lively acidity that complement the long lasting and powerful mouthfeel. 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. Well chilled, it is an ideal accompaniment to classic Austrian cuisine such as baked pasta with ham. It also goes perfectly with Italian antipasti, a Mediterranean shakshuka or spiced dishes like Paneer Tikka (Indian grilled cheese).

- 2023: 93 Points | A LA CARTE
- 2022: 92 Points | FALSTAFF 91 Points | JAMES SUCKLING
- 2021: 94 Points | PARKER 92 Points | FALSTAFF
- 2020: 92 Points | FALSTAFF 92 Points | PARKER 91 Points | DECANTER  
Europe No 1 - Worldwide No 3 | WORLD'S BEST VINEYARDS
- 2019: 92 Points | WINE ENTHUSIAST



Alcohol: 12,5 % | Acidity: 6,0 ‰ | Residual Sugar: 1,3 g/l



BAROQUE CELLAR PALACE



RIED LIEBENBERG



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