



An archetypical Federspiel - fine, juicy stone fruit aromas, a full body and discreet mineral notes

## **ORIGIN & TERROIR**

Entering the Wachau from the east, the Loibenberg is the first striking elevation of the valley and reaches an altitude of more than 420 metres above sea level. Loibenberg is one of the biggest single-vineyards of the Wachau, south facing and influenced by the warm Pannonian climate. It is therefore also called the "hotplate" of the Wachau. The terroir is defined by weathered gneiss soils with layers of loess and loam in some areas as well as warm Pannonian air streams from the east. Domäne Wachau owns approximately two hectares of Riesling on Loibenberg.

## **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 aromas are concentrated and intense: stone fruit, white peach, ripe apricot, hints of exotic fruits and smoky mineral notes. Substance and depth on the palate combined with a lively acidity result in brilliant wine with aging potential. 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. Riesling Loibenberg is an excellent accompaniment to Italian cuisine such as Spaghetti alle Vongole, a Vitello Tonnnato or grilled sea fish. Root carp, baked vegetables or roasted char are perfect Austrian dishes which are also great with this wine. Riesling Federspiel Loibenberg also goes perfectly with puristic dishes from Asia as for example steamed fish with coriander.

2023: 93+ Points | A LA CARTE 92 Points | FALSTAFF

2022: 92 Points | FALSTAFF

2021: 94 Points | FALSTAFF 93 Points | JAMES SUCKLING 94 Points | PARKER2020: 91 Points | PARKER Europe No 1 - Worldwide No 3 | WORLD'S BEST VINEYARDS

2019: 93 Points | JAMES SUCKLING

2018: 91 Points | PARKER







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DOMÄNE Wachau

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LOIBENBERG

Alcohol: 12.5 % | Acidity: 7.1 % | Residual Sugar: 1.8 g/l





