



DOMÄNE
WACHAU

RIESLING SMARAGD RIED LOIBENBERG 2024

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 2024

The year began with unusually warm weather, with February setting record-high temperatures. This early warmth prompted the vines to bud early, at the end of March. The growing season was marked by extreme weather, including late frosts, hailstorms, summer heat and heavy rains that caused flooding in September. Despite these challenges, we owe immense gratitude to the tireless efforts of our vignerons and a meticulously planned harvest (very early, on September 3rd), that brought in high-quality fruit. The wines of the 2024 vintage present a balanced, crisp acidity as well as the elegance and finesse that are so important to us.

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. Our Riesling stands on particularly high parcels of the Loibenberg. Due to the very poor soil, the yields are particularly low. It is harvested 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.

2024: WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR | FALSTAFF TOP 50 | WORLD'S BEST VINEYARDS 93-95 | VINOUS 94 | FALSTAFF 92 | GAULT MILLAU
2023: 94 | FALSTAFF 94 | J. SUCKLING 16 | J. ROBINSON
2022: 94 | FALSTAFF 95 | A LA CARTE 17 | J. ROBINSON 93 | PARKER
2021: 95 | FALSTAFF 94 | J. SUCKLING 93 | PARKER



Alcohol: 13,0 % | Acidity: 6,6 ‰ | Res. Sugar: 2,5 g/l



BAROQUE CELLAR PALACE



RIED LOIBENBERG



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