



DOMÄNE  
WACHAU

# RIESLING SMARAGD RIED KELLERBERG 2024

The Kellerberg - Dürnstein's impressive landmark right behind our Baroque Cellar Palace - is famous for wines with impressive concentration and a great ageing potential.

## ORIGIN & TERROIR

Kellerberg is Dürnstein's steep landmark mountain, rising behind the Kellerschlüssel (Domäne Wachau's baroque cellar castle). The vines root deeply into the light-coloured "Gföhler Gneiss", which consists mainly of feldspar and quartz and, in some areas, also covered by sandy loess soil in some parts of Kellerberg. The strong Pannonian climate influence on the Kellerberg yields full-bodied and complex, yet impressively mineral-driven wines.

## 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

The vineyards are cultivated sustainably, increasingly organically and without the use of insecticides or herbicides. Riesling grapes from the Kellerberg are harvested by hand in several picking passages and strict selection. After several hours of maceration on the skins and fermentation (partly spontaneously) in stainless steel tanks, the wine is aged in large wooden casks for a few months after initial time in stainless steel tanks. A late bottling after summer offers additional depth.

## CHARACTER & STYLE

Riesling is a very demanding grape variety in the vineyard and needs the best sites - the Kellerberg is ideal for this. The nose is fruity with typical aromas of stone fruit, ripe apricot and pear. A firm structure on the palate with a mineral aftertaste. 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. Served well chilled Riesling Smaragd Ried Kellerberg goes perfectly with Far Eastern dishes such as a fish curry or tandoori chicken. It also goes well with local cuisine, such as fried chicken with potato and bird salad. Riesling Kellerberg is also great with Fegato alla Veneziana (veal liver) or a Greek moussaka.

- 2025: TOP 50 | FORBES 5 TRAUBEN | GAULT MILLAU
- 2024: WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR | FALSTAFF  
TOP 50 | WORLD'S BEST VINEYARDS 98+ | A LA CARTE  
97 | GAULT MILLAU
- 2023: 95 | FALSTAFF 95 | J. SUCKLING 97 | A LA CARTE  
16 PUNKTE | J. ROBINSON 95 | TASTED (A. LARSSON)
- 2022: 96 | FALSTAFF 17 | J. ROBINSON 92+ | PARKER



Alcohol: 12,5 % | Acidity: 7,8 ‰ | Res. Sugar: 4,4 g/l



BAROQUE CELLAR PALACE



RIED KELLERBERG



ROMAN HORVATH MV & HEINZ  
FRISCHENGRUBER

