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## Tegernseerhof Riesling Dürnstein Federspiel

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**Winery:** Tegernseerhof

**Category:** Wine – Still - White

**Grape Variety:** Riesling

**Region:** Dürnstein/Wachau/Austria

**Vineyard:** first harvest of ripe Riesling grapes from smaller vineyard plots in Loibenberg, Steinertal & Kellerberg

**Feature:** Sustainable

**Winery established:** Built in 1176, since early 1800's in Mittelbach family ownership

### Product Information

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**Soil:** Gföhler Gneis & primary rock from different vineyards in Loiben.

The stone terraces of the Wachau describe the highest cultural asset and have essential influence on typicality of the wines. Microclimates and different soil types characterize the uniqueness, which gives each of our locations 'innate nature. Consistently, we focus on carving out these fascinating details. Starting the harvest of our Riesling grapes, we first pick the ripest ones for this Federspiel wine from different vineyards in Loiben.

**Elevation:** 200-400 meter (656 – 1,312 feet)

**Age of vines:** 60 years

**Vinification:** Hand-harvest in October. Cool fermentation, followed by 4 months aging, all in stainless steel.

**Tasting Note:** In a corset of balanced acidity, the wine has time to develop and to sprout the fine aromas, like spring flowers. Sunny disposition and mineral tension keep this Riesling under control! Multifaced aromas of white peaches, citrus zest and floral components in the nose – elegant structure with a taut acid frame.

**Alc:** 12.5 % vol.

**RS:** 1.4 g/l

**Acidity:** 6.0 g/l

### Producer Information

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Tegernseerhof is located in Unterloiben, just below Dürnstein, and boasts a tradition dating back to the year 1002. The original facilities were built by Benedictine monks from the Abbey of Tegernsee in Bavaria. For centuries Tegernseerhof was where the monastery produced its wine. At the turn of the 19th century, it was acquired by the Austrian Empire and later it went into private ownership. Currently the Mittelbach family owns Tegernseerhof and has done so for 5 generations. Franz and Mathilde Mittelbach are the fourth generation of the Mittelbach family to own Tegernseerhof and their son Martin is the current caretaker of these beautiful vineyards and winery.

Tegernseerhof has roughly 66 acres of vineyards many of which are located on the famous stone terraces of the Wachau. Among the best-known of these terraced vineyards are Höhereck, Loibenberg, Steinertal, Kellerberg and Zwerithaler. The estate is a member of "Vinea Wachau" and therefore the vinification follows the strict regulations of the "Codex Wachau". Profound and solid handcrafted wines is the essential philosophy. This results in the wines having a distinct personality of place. "The highest level of excellence must be the minimum we expect from these wines." Martin Mittelbach. Total production: 150,000 bottles.

The Wachau is a UNESCO World Heritage site and a landscape that exudes a sense of well-being. It is also arguably Austria's most prestigious wine-growing area. Many of the Wachaus 3,460 acres of vineyards are located on man-made steep terraces where the soil is dominated "Gföhler" (gneiss) while the lower lying areas closer to the Danube river are dominated by loess soils. Climatically two strong complementary influences converge here: the Western Atlantic and the Eastern Pannonian conditions.