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## Mittelbach Zweigelt T-Rose

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**Winery:** Tegernseerhof  
**Category:** Wine – Still - Rose  
**Grape Variety:** Zweigelt  
**Region:** Kremstal/ Austria  
**Vineyard:** Mittelbach family vineyard in Kremstal  
**Feature:** Sustainable



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### Product Information

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**Soil:** Loess, a geologically recent deposit of silt or material which is usually yellowish or brown in color and consisting of tiny mineral particles brought by wind to the places where they now lie.

**Vinification:** Grapes are hand-harvested, a strict selection is made, the grapes are gently pressed, and the maceration is for only one hour. Fermentation is entirely in stainless steel, to ensure fresh aromas and flavors.

**Tasting Notes:** The beautiful coral pink color is enough to get your mouth watering. The bright, fruit-filled nose is loaded with delicate cherry and red currant notes. The crisp, refreshingly dry, light to medium-bodied palate is balanced and showcases the fresh cherry and delicate red currant flavors.

**T-Rose:** When Weingut Tegernseerhof became a member of the "Vinea Wachau" consortium in 2009 they had to give up any vineyards outside the Wachau, which in this instance impacted all their holdings in Kremstal, all planted to Zweigelt. Happily, they were able to lease these vineyards to Hans Mittelbach, Martin's uncle, who makes a rosé Zweigelt at his winery in Rohrendorf. The vineyards are farmed in a sustainable regimen. Martin Mittelbach oversees all aspects concerning quality. This rosé is estate-bottled—and the entire Zweigelt production is devoted to rosé wine, no red wine is produced.

**Alc:** 12.3 % vol.

**RS:** 3.2 g/l

**Acidity:** 6.1 g/l

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### 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.