
Tegernseerhof Ried Weissenkirchner Zwerithaler

Winery: Tegernseerhof

Category: Wine – Still - White

Grape Variety: Field blend of different varieties

Region: Dürnstein/Wachau/Austria

Vineyard: Ried Weissenkirchner Zwerithaler

Feature: Sustainable

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



Product Information

Soil: "Zwerithaler" means „between the valleys “. This is a small spot in the market town of Weißenkirchen, dominated by a massive rock in the middle of the vineyard. It is authentic field blend or mixed set. A multitude of grapes grow in the picturesque garden, ancient kinds, some of them are not known anymore. It is hardly surprising that the Tegernseerhof Zwerithaler displays a different character every year with various blend of aromas.

Elevation: 200 – 300 meters (656 – 984 feet)

Age of vines: average 80 years

Vinification: Harvest in mid-October. Cool fermentation, followed by 6 months aging in stainless steel.

Tasting Notes: Every sip taste different, every sip is unique – that's the fascination of the Zwerithaler Gemischter Satz. This is a full-bodied dry white wine with a rich creamy texture like some of the great White Burgundies with a long, beautiful finish.

This single vineyard from Weissenkirchen in the Wachau has very old vines and it is a field blend, which is called "Gemischter Satz" in Austria. Here is how Martin Mittelbach describes the wine: *"Through the picturesque extravagance of "Zwerithaler" this cru developed into ascetic museum - old varieties, crumbling walls - the time seems to have stood still. To bring the flavor potential of these two positions accurately and significantly expressed, we put the varietal character in the background."*

Alc: 14 % vol.

RS: 3.9 g/l

Acidity: 5.1 g/l

Producer Information

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 Wachau's 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.