
Tegernseerhof Ried Kellerberg Riesling Smaragd

Winery: Tegernseerhof
Category: Wine – Still - White
Grape Variety: Riesling
Region: Dürnstein/Wachau/Austria
Vineyard: Ried Kellerberg
Feature: Sustainable
Winery established: Built in 1176, since early 1800's in Mittelbach family ownership



Product Information

Soil: Gfoehler Gneiss is the geological foundation here, the varying expositions of the Kellerberg are predominantly of a south exposition, but some plots have a southeast aspect and the terraces that round the bend toward the Flicker valley face directly east. The Kellerberg is Dürnstein's steep landmark mountain. The vines root deeply into the light colored Gfoehler Gneiss which consists mainly of feldspar and quartz covered by sandy loess soil in some parts of Kellerberg. The strong Pannonian climate influence on Kellerberg yields full-bodied and complex, yet impressively mineral wines.

Elevation: 200-300 meters (656-1312 feet)

Age of vines: average 50 years

Vinification: Hand-harvest in late October, cool fermentation, 6 months aging in stainless steel.

Tasting Notes: Kellerberg Riesling – a fruit explosion with spiciness, power and elegance at once. Longevity is guaranteed and shown in tension, in lingering long aftertaste and with its unbelievable precision. It tempts you with its aristocratic charm and captivates with the first sip.

Alc: 13 % vol.

Residual Sugar: 5.5 g/l

Acidity: 6.0 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.