
Tegernseerhof Ried Steiner Pfaffenberg Riesling

Winery: Tegernseerhof

Category: Wine – Still - White

Grape Variety: Riesling

Region: Kremstal/Austria

Vineyard: Ried Steiner Pfaffenberg

Feature: Sustainable

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



Product Information

Soil: The single vineyard Pfaffenberg is situated north of the Danube River, from Stein till Krems and belongs geographically to winegrowing region Kremstal. The grapes grow on steep terraces with a slope angle of over 40% and the soil mostly consists out of primary rock and loam.

Elevation: 250 – 375 meters (820 – 1230 feet)

Age of vines: 40 years

Vinification: Hand harvest in late October. Cool fermentation in stainless steel, followed by aging for 6 months in stainless tanks.

Tasting Note: A cooler climate and the Danube River nearby are responsible for complex, tangy and durable wines with a lot of finesse. Riesling Pfaffenberg convinces with elegance, depth and uniqueness.

Alc: 13 % vol.

RS: 1.1 g/l

Acidity: 7.1 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 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.