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## Tegernseerhof Riesling Ried Steinertal Smaragd

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**Winery:** Tegernseerhof

**Category:** Wine – Still - White

**Grape Variety:** Riesling

**Region:** Dürnstein/Wachau/Austria

**Vineyard:** Ried Steinertal

**Feature:** Sustainable

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



### Product Information

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**Soil:** The vineyards of Steinertal form a giant Amphitheatre cut into the solid rock. Facing South East and surrounded by massive rock formations, the vineyards offer themselves a spectacular view. At night, a cold North wind blows across the Steinertal vineyards. The terraces appear like stony tiers, symmetrically grown out of the rock itself, they are covered with a soft layer of sand –ideal conditions for vines.

**Elevation:** 230-300 meters (750 – 985 feet)

**Age of vines:** about 60 years old

**Vinification:** Hand harvest in late October, cool fermentation, aged for 6 months in stainless steel tanks.

**Tasting Note:** A native of this environment, the Riesling Steinertal appears like a refined artist. It is characterized by a noble fragility and plays many different roles when consumed. At times tart and salty, at times reminiscent of peaches, each sip creates a new association. The Riesling from Steinertal polarizes and the vineyard itself leaves its marks more than any other cru in the Wachau!

**Alc:** 13 % vol.

**RS:** 3.8g/l

**Acidity:** 4.8 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.