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Tegernseerhof Riesling Ried Loibenberg Smaragd



Winery: Tegernseerhof
Category: Wine – Still - White
Grape Variety: Riesling
Region: Dürnstein/Wachau/Austria
Vineyard: Ried Loibenberg
Feature: Sustainable
Winery established: Built in 1176, since early 1800's in Mittelbach family ownership
Awards: 93-95 Falstaff (2023)

Product Information

Soil: Gföhler Gneiss with loess deposits. Loibenberg is the second monumental site in the eastern Wachau. The 62 acres of vines on this mountain are exposed to a Pannonian climate that leaves its signature on the wines of these vineyards. Despite this, the warmth is moderated by vast differences in altitude. 650 feet separate the Danube and the border of the forest at 1350 feet. The steep terraces of Gföhler gneiss and loess combine with the climate for a large versatility in wine styles.
Elevation: 200-420 meters (656 – 1,378 feet)
Age of vines: 60 years
Vinification: Hand-harvest in late October. Cool fermentation and 6 months aging in stainless steel.
Tasting Note: Medium yellow green with silver reflections. An inviting bouquet of meadow herbs and honeydew melon, with a hint of apricot and an underlying spicy note. Tight, with a lively acidic structure and a mineral character; notes of white stone fruit and citrus emerge. Loibenberg Riesling lives up to its reputation as an exceptional wine built to age for decades.
Alc: 13.5 % vol. **RS:** 4.0 g/l **Acidity:** 6.7 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 dominate "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.