



DOMÄNE  
WACHAU

# GRÜNER VELTLINER SMARAGD <sup>RIED</sup> ACHLEITEN 2020

**One of the most extraordinary sites in the Wachau. This wine impresses with mineral character, finesse, and outstanding ageing potential!**

## ORIGIN & TERROIR

Achleiten is a legendary vineyard in the Wachau village of Weissenkirchen. It is famous for wines with inimitable mineral character. Dry stone walls dating back to the 12th century. The silicate-rich soil dominates this vineyard's landscape. On the upper terraces, gneiss is the prevailing subsoil, the lower terraces are dominated by dark, schistous amphibolites.

## VINTAGE 2020

Wines of the 2020 vintage show clear and precise character with a fresh, fruity note, although the harvest yielded only marginal quantities. What began as a dry, warm year turned into a summer that alternated between sunny and rainy periods, and in late August the Wachau suffered a severe hailstorm. It is especially vintages like 2020 that underscore how important it is to pick and carefully select grapes by hand.

## VINEYARD & CELLAR

Due to the shallow soils of the Achleiten vineyard, the cultivation of Grüner Veltliner is characterized by reduced yields. The Veltliner grapes for this Smaragd wine are picked in several passages and according to strict selection criteria. After a few hours of maceration on the skins, the grapes are gently pressed. After fermentation (partly spontaneous) in stainless steel tanks, the wine is aged in large wooden casks for a few months. The late bottling and the long ageing on the fine lees provide precise nuances and additional depth.

## CHARACTER & STYLE

Ried Achleiten is known for wines with great uniqueness. A smoky minerality, subtle flinty notes and a very complex structure are typical for Achleiten wines. Grüner Veltliner from this vineyard has a particularly fine herbal spice, as well as delicate stone fruit notes and some exotic aromas. The gneiss soil of the Achleiten supports the firm acidity enormously. The term Smaragd stands for dry, dense, and complex wines of the Wachau; Apart from structure and depth, Smaragd wines also convince with great storage potential. Well chilled, the wine goes great with classics of Austrian cuisine such as boiled beef with apple-horseradish and chive sauce or a veal rump. Grüner Veltliner Smaragd harmonizes particularly well with tasty dishes of Asian cuisine, try Thai Som Tam (spicy papaya salad). Charming in its youth, after 3-5 years at the first peak, the Grüner Veltliner from Achleiten can also mature for 15 or more years.

Alcohol: 13.0 % | Acidity: 7.1 ‰ | Residual Sugar: 2.4 g/l

95 Points | A la Carte  
94 Points | 100% Blind Tasted  
4 Stars | VINARIA

95 Points | Falstaff  
4+ Glasses | WEIN.PUR  
18 Points | GAULT&MILLAU



0.375l | 0.75l | 1.5l | 3l



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RIED ACHLEITEN



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