

2020 Grabenwerkstatt Ried Brandstatt

From 70-year-old vines in Elsarn in the Spitzer Graben, the Grüner Veltliner Smaragd 2020 Ried Brandstatt is incredibly pure, fresh and stony on the clear, elegant and aromatic nose that shows ripe white fruit aromas intertwined with flinty/stony notes but could nevertheless be mixed up with Riesling as well after a while in the glass. Pure and fresh but also lush and very clear on the palate, this is a vivacious, salty-mineral and persistent Brandstatt with serious mineral and phenolic grip and tension that again makes it perform like Riesling. Still very young, this crunchy and salty Brandstatt develops impressive length and complexity and keeps its great Alpine mineral freshness. No Walzer but Funk! For hardcore Riesling lovers only. 12.5% alcohol. Tasted at the domain in June 2021.

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2020 Grabenwerkstatt Spitzer Grüner Veltliner Grabenwerk

The 2020 Spitzer Grüner Veltliner Grabenwerk is intense in its lemon color and also on the nose, which is pretty dense but fresh and spicy, with lemon, resinous and flowery aromas but also stony notes. It is mainly sourced in the Brandstatt (shallow gneiss soils) and assembles young and 55-year-old vines. This is a medium-bodied, highly refined and juicy, minerally structured and refreshing Veltliner Federspiel with fine and elegant mineral acidity, very fine tannins and a well-balanced, highly elegant and stimulatingly salty finish with good grip and intensity. A terrific wine!

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2020 Grabenwerkstatt Ried Schön

The 2020 Ried Schön is intense in color and flavors and opens with a more baroque bouquet compared to the Brandstatt but is also very flinty and pure backstage. Lush, refined and elegant on the palate, this is a vital and salty, powerful and mouth-filling but well-structured and crystalline Grüner Veltliner Smaragd with a long, intense, aromatic finish. It is very precise and stimulating, wider and more textured than the Brandstatt, but also more accessible, with lemon zest notes on the aftertaste. 13% alcohol. Tasted at the domain in June 2021.

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2020 Grabenwerkstatt Ried Kalkofen

The 2020 Ried Kalkofen is a deep, intense and flinty Riesling Smaragd from Viessling's warmest and perhaps also steepest, terraced and unirrigated vineyard that is cultivated on extremely shallow gneiss and marble soils. The intensely golden-yellow-colored 2020 Kalkofen is intense but fine and very elegant on the palate that reveals intense and elegant fruit as well as a crystalline, pure and salty finish with fine phenolic grip and lingering salinity with dashes of fresh lemon juice. 12.5% alcohol. Tasted at the domain in June 2021.

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2020 Grabenwerkstatt Mautern Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Wachauwerk

Entirely from the Silberbichl, the 2020 Mautern Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Wachauwerk is the only wine not sourced in the Spitzer Graben. The vineyard was picked no less than seven times to process only perfectly ripe fruit. Bright in its fresh lemon color, this Federspiel opens with a very clear and coolish bouquet of white fruits intertwined with a dash of lemon juice and a hint of toast. Light and delicate on the palate, this is a round and juicy, very fine and elegant, transparent and finessed Veltliner in a highly delicate style. It is stimulatingly frisky and salty on the finish, with ripe and elegant acidity and filigreed structure. Highly digestible. Tasted at the domain in June 2021.

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2020 Grabenwerkstatt Ried Bruck

The Riesling 2020 Ried Bruck offers a pure, elegant and reductive bouquet of crushed stones, fennel seeds and herbs intermingled with elegant stone fruit notes. Fine and elegant on the palate, this is a crystalline, pure and very salty Riesling from Viessling in the cooler Spitzer Graben. Very precise, though really challenging at the moment, this is a Riesling of doubtlessly great class, with lovely austerity and a lemon-sour or fresh finish. For hardcore Riesling lovers and masochists only. 12.5% alcohol. Tasted at the domain in June 2021.

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2020 Grabenwerkstatt Ried Trenning

From the highest and coolest vineyard in the Wachau, the 2020 Ried Trenning is a fascinatingly pure and fine yet complex terroir Riesling Smaragd that opens with a generous, intense, highly elegant and Muscat-kindred bouquet at this early stage and reveals a very particular earthy/graphite tone that comes from this unique terroir that is also characterized by its gneiss and graphite soils. Beautifully aromatic, refined and seamless on the thoroughly mineral-backed nose, this is a full-bodied, silky-elegant, crystalline, fruit-intense and enormously salty Riesling with an almost smooth texture that is cut by extremely mineral and salty acidity that carries this powerful Trenning to a very long and elegant finish. 13% alcohol. Tasted at the domain in June 2021.

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2019 Grabenwerkstatt Ried Kalkofen

The 2019 Ried Kalkofen Riesling Smaragd comes from a tiny cru and is the steepest and warmest spot on extremely shallow and rocky gneiss and marble soils. Nothing but Riesling can grow here. The 2019 opens with an aromatic, very concentrated bouquet of lemon aromas and herbal notes of crushed stones and woodruff. Full-bodied, intense and juicy on the palate, with concentrated fruit, fine tannins and lingering salinity, this is a mouth-filling and finely juicy Riesling with fine tannins and a long, powerful finish. Surely a wine that will gain finesse and elegance in the bottle. 12.5% alcohol. Tasted at the domain in June 2021.

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2019 Grabenwerkstatt Ried Brandstatt

The 2019 Ried Brandstatt Grüner Veltliner Smaragd comes from 70-year-old vines that yield 15 hectoliters per hectare, from a very special selection with long grapes but very small and spicy-tasting berries. It is intensely yellow in color and opens with concentrated and perfectly ripe but refined fruit intertwined with beautifully spicy aromas. Full-bodied and vibrantly mineral yet always highly finessed and with mouth-tickling salinity, this is a very complex, vital and sustainable, tensioned and mouth-watering but most of all calm Brandstatt and a highlight of the Spitzer Graben in 2019. Impressive wine with great calmness. 14% alcohol. Tasted at the domain in June 2021.

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2019 Grabenwerkstatt Ried Schön

From weathered gneiss soils with a good layer of humus, the 2019 Ried Schön Grüner Veltliner Smaragd comes from very young vines and exhibits a fresh lemon color along with a concentrated lemon aroma and spicy notes. Crystalline and piquant on the palate, this is a full-bodied and quite powerful yet elegant Veltliner with some all-too-prominent bitters on the finish. Bottled in May 2020 with 14% alcohol. Tasted at the domain in June 2021.

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2019 Grabenwerkstatt Mautern Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Wachauwerk

Intensely lemon-colored, the 2019 Mautern Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Wachauwerk opens intense but clear and fresh, with lemony and stony aromas. Round and juicy on the palate, this is an elegant, intense and full-bodied Veltliner with fine acidity and a tight structure. The wine is intense and dense and more massive compared to the delicate 2020.



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2019 Grabenwerkstatt Spitzer Grüner Veltliner Grabenwerk Federspiel

The 2019 Spitzer Grüner Veltliner Grabenwerk Federspiel is deep and dense on the spicy and quite complex nose. Round and lush yet highly refined and delicate in its crystalline structure, this is a medium to full-bodied, generously juicy, very elegant and balanced Veltliner with a stimulating gentleness and very fine bitter tones on the finely grippy finish that reveals very fine tannins. Tasted at the domain in June 2021.



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2019 Grabenwerkstatt Ried Bruck

The 2019 Ried Bruck Riesling Smaragd is from five parcels ranging from 350 to 450 meters above sea level, adding up to 0.65 hectares and populated with young vines (up to 30+ years old) that were picked in four or five passages. (Due to hail damage, the 2018 was picked over three days by 15 pickers.) The 2019 shows a deep, fine and delicate apricot aroma intertwined with spicy terroir notes of finely crushed gneiss and schist soils. On the palate, this is a vivacious, vibrantly fresh and mineral Riesling classic with very fine phenolic grip and mineral tension and this gorgeous apricot fruit that is so typical for the Wachau Rieslings. Here it is much less upfront but crisp and intermixed with white peach aromas. The finish of the 2019 Bruck is excitingly long, dense and mineral. 13.5% alcohol. Tasted at the domain in June 2021.

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2019 Grabenwerkstatt Ried Trenning Riesling Smaragd

From Elsarn, the 2019 Ried Trenning Riesling Smaragd is cultivated at 550 meters above sea level and a windy, plain south-facing vineyard on gneiss soils with graphite veins. It is beautifully pure and refined on the precise and stony nose that shows white stone fruit nuances. This is a pure, fresh and mineral, almost German-styled Riesling with great finesse, grip and salinity but also dense and concentrated fruit. It is very long, with great tension but also finesse and this fascinating purity. A fabulous Riesling! 13.5% alcohol. Tasted at the domain in June 2021.

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