



Domäne Wachau

Federspiel "Terrassen" Gruner Veltliner 2008

Winemaker(s): Heinz Frischengruber

Country: Austria

Region: Wachau

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UPC: 9007500055975

Closure: Screw Cap

SRP: \$18

2005 brought a new, young, enthusiastic team to this historic property on the banks of the Danube river. Headed by general manager Roman Horvath and enologist Heinz Frischengruber, this team brings fresh ideas, personality and a new energy to the historic cooperative formerly known as Freie Weingartner Wachau. This dynamic duo produces wines which showcase the fruit character and mineral finesse provided by the Wachau valley's unique diversity. Domäne Wachau is the largest cooperative in the Wachau valley, and is made up of 600 contributing members farming slightly less than 500 hectares, or a full one third of the total region's vineyards. Each individual member is challenged to produce the best wines possible, and paid for the quality of their production first, the quantity second. The showplace of the winery is the baroque cellar palace depicted on the label.

Tasting Notes:

Fresh straw yellow in color with a bouquet of gooseberries and hints of green apple and white pepper. Medium bodied with a mix of citrus, apple and peach fruit. Light mineral character lingers on the finish and vibrant acidity makes the palate hum. "Terrassen" or terraced signifies that this wine is sourced from multiple terraced vineyards, while the term "Federspiel" is a quality designation (specific to the Wachau from lowest to highest: Steinfeder, Federspiel, and Smaragd).

Technical Notes:

100% Gruner Veltliner. Harvest in mid-to-late October. Strict grape selection; destalked, left in contact with skins for four hours, followed by gentle pneumatic pressing. Fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks at 22 degrees Celsius with cultured yeasts. No malolactic fermentation. No chaptalisation. Brief additional aging in stainless steel before bottling.

