

# Ried Heiligenstein Riesling 2018

Kamptal DAC, ÖTW Erste Lage 

<b>Origin:</b>	Austria, Kamptal
<b>Quality grade:</b>	Kamptal DAC
<b>Site:</b>	Heiligenstein
<b>Normal</b>	ÖTW Erste Lage
<b>Classification:</b>	
<b>Site Type:</b>	terraces
<b>Varietal:</b>	Riesling 100 %   27 - 62 years 4500 - 5500 plants/ha
<b>Geographical</b>	
<b>Orientation:</b>	south
<b>Sea Level:</b>	300 - 340 m
<b>Soil:</b>	sandstone   large   top soil sandstone   large   sub soil Zöbinger Permian   large   sub soil

## Vineyard Site:

With its very rare geological formation, Ried Zöbinger Heiligenstein is one of the best Riesling sites in the winegrowing region. The Zöbing Perm is a meager, reddish and weathered desert sandstone with conglomerates of volcanic components from the Permian period (270 million years old). The vineyards are located in a nature protection area. Between the vineyards there are preserved dry grassland areas with rare flora and fauna.



## Weather / Climate

**Climate:** continental

**Vintage description:**



In 2018, we experienced one of the longest summers in recent weather history, with temperatures reaching 30°C as early as April. The high temperatures and increasing dryness shaped the year, but there were no major incidents like frost or hail. Despite the challenges, we were rewarded with excellent quality and good grape yields. The winter started normally with rain and snow, but it became very cold at the end of February, which delayed the bud break. In April, the second warmest in 251 years, the vines began flowering by mid-May – nearly three weeks earlier than usual. On August 16th, we began harvesting the first grapes to create the base for sparkling wines. The high temperatures led us to harvest in the early mornings and transport the grapes in small crates. After three days of rain in early September, the harvest was paused to wait for the flavor of the berries to return. We carefully selected only the best grapes to enter the cellar. Perfect harvesting conditions with cool nights followed, which enhanced the aromatic profile of our Erste Lagen wines. We finished harvesting the Grüner Veltliner by the end of September, while the Riesling grapes at Heiligenstein ripened for another week. The last ten days of harvest were dedicated to the noble rot grapes for our sweet wines.

## Cellar

<b>Harvest:</b>	handpicked
<b>Malolactic</b>	partly
<b>Fermentation:</b>	
<b>Skin Contact:</b>	12 hour(s)
<b>Fermentation:</b>	spontaneous oak barrel   2000 L   used barrel   6 week(s)
<b>Maturing:</b>	oak barrel   2000 L   used barrel   10 month(s)

## Data

<b>Wine Type:</b>	Still wine   white   dry
<b>Alcohol:</b>	12.5 %
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	2.7 g/l
<b>Acid:</b>	6.3 g/l
<b>Certificates:</b>	organic
<b>Allergens:</b>	sulfites
<b>Drinking Temperature:</b>	12 - 14 °C
<b>Aging Potential:</b>	high (15 years)
<b>Optimum Drinking Year:</b>	2019 - 2031

## Winery

The Jurtschitsch winery, situated in Langenlois, is one of the most prestigious wineries in Austria which impeccably displays Austrian wine culture at its best. Alwin and Stefanie Jurtschitsch having been leading the family estate for some time now and have managed to reinterpret premium wine in their own way. For the two of them this means vinifying authentic, complex and terroir-specific wines with cool, elegant stylistics - in other words, permitting the different appellations in Langenlois to express themselves individually.