



## WÖSENDORFER HOCHRAIN GRÜNER VELTLINER 2018

<b>Origin:</b>	Austria, Wachau, Spitz an der Donau
<b>Quality grade:</b>	Österreichischer Qualitätswein
<b>Site:</b>	Wösendorfer HOCHRAIN
<b>Site Type:</b>	terraces
<b>Varietal:</b>	Grüner Veltliner 100 %   26 - 36 years 4500 - 5500 plants/ha   4000 - 5500 liter/ha
<b>Geographical Orientation:</b>	south east, south
<b>Sea Level:</b>	260 - 290 m
<b>Soil:</b>	deep loess



### Cellar

<b>Malolactic Fermentation:</b>	yes
<b>Fermentation:</b>	spontaneous large wooden barrel   1500 L   used barrel   10 day(s)   temperature control: yes
<b>Maturing:</b>	large wooden barrel   1500 L   used barrel   6 month(s)
<b>Deacidification:</b>	no
<b>Acidification:</b>	no

### Data

<b>Wine Type:</b>	Still wine   white   dry
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13 %

**Allergens:** sulfites

**Drinking Temperature:** 11 °C

**Aging Potential:** high

## Wine Description

On the terraced slopes of the "Hochrain" in Wösendorf, my Grüner Veltliner is thriving in deep loess soils. Here, the wines develop nutty and spicy tones with yellow fruit aromas. In comparison with the Veltliner from primary rock, the "Hochrain" is a precise example of how much the soil influences the character of the wine.

## Winery

Unlike practically any other wine region, the Wachau is distinguished by its terraced vineyards with extremely old, dry stone walls. Not only do they represent the optical allure that the Wachau is so famous for, but they also are markedly responsible for the unique character of the Wachau's wines. Manual care of the terraces is highly intensive (requiring 5 -10 times more work than in vineyards which can accommodate vehicles). And this is why many of the old terraces are in danger of being abandoned - something that would ultimately change the landscape of the Wachau in the future. So I made it my goal to acquire exposed terraces with mainly old vines and protect them from being cleared. Although this means pure handwork - no machines whatsoever - I am convinced that the qualities of the wines are so unique, so full of character and spectacular, that this work will be repaid many times over. Most of the vines are between 30 and 50 years old. Drinkability and age-worthiness are key to all work-related decisions. And working with healthy grapes that have not been exposed to the Botrytis fungus is of the highest priority. This means that fine, extremely elegant wines with a filigree minerality and plenty of tension are created - wines that are likely to be closed in their youth. (Bio-control agreement with Lacon since August 2008 for production of grapes.)