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BRUCH  
ST. MICHAEL

# GRÜNER VELTLINER SMARAGD HARZENLEITEN 2022



<b>Origin:</b>	Austria, Wachau, St. Michael
<b>Quality grade:</b>	Wachau DAC
<b>Site:</b>	Harzenleiten
<b>Normal Classification:</b>	Smaragd
<b>Site Type:</b>	terraces
<b>Varietal:</b>	Grüner Veltliner 100 %   46 - 56 years 3000 plants/ha   3000 - 4000 liter/ha
<b>Geographical Orientation:</b>	east, south east
<b>Sea Level:</b>	218 - 307 m
<b>Soil:</b>	paragneiss   medium   sub soil diorite gneiss   medium   sub soil loess   medium   sub soil

## Vineyard Site:

The Harzenleiten vineyard is the name for the mountain slope of the Michaelerberg, the south-east slopes of which are used for viticulture. Significant loess deposits have accumulated in several areas, offering a good nutrient supply and lending the wines fullness and power. Weathered paragneiss provides complexity and structure, and on the more barren sites, Riesling demonstrates its quality with very delicate wines.



## WEATHER / CLIMATE

**Climate:** continental

## CELLAR

<b>Harvest:</b>	handpicked
<b>Malolactic Fermentation:</b>	no
<b>Maceration:</b>	completely destemmed   20 hour(s)
<b>Fermentation:</b>	selected yeast steel tank   3 - 5 week(s)   temperature control: yes   20 - 22 °C
<b>Filter:</b>	filtered



**Maturing:** steel tank | 5 month(s)  
**Bottling:** screw cap

## DATA

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**Wine Type:** Still wine | white | dry  
**Alcohol:** 13.5 %  
**Acid:** 4.8 g/l  
**Residual Sugar:** 2.7 g/l  
**Certificates:** vegan  
**Allergens:** sulfites  
**Drinking Temperature:** 10 - 12 °C  
**Aging Potential:** high (10 years)  
**Optimum Drinking Year:** 2023 - 2031

## WINERY

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Our family business is located in the historical village St. Michael in the Region „Wachau“, a World Heritage. Although the total wine growing in this region is just over 1.300 ha, Wachau is one of the most famous white wine areas in the world. Our property was bought by Mr. Leopold Bruch, the grandfather of the actual owner Richard Bruch, so our family is operating in the 3rd generation now. We operate about 3,5 ha vineyards as well as 0,45 ha apricot. The old vines which are partly over 50 years old, growing on granite in the special microclimate of the river Danube valley Wachau are an excellent basis for high quality wines. Of course we treat our vineyards as close to nature as possible, for example we don't use herbicides. A process, well ballanced between modern technology and classical methods is the basis for our very fruity wines with advanced