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Austria's Best Wines Reviewed and Rated
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**(98) Grüner Veltliner * Ried Achleiten
Stockkultur Smaragd 2021**

13,5 Vol.-%, cork, steel tank

**96 Grüner Veltliner * Ried Achleiten
Stockkultur Smaragd 2020**

Medium greenish-lemon with silver highlights. Dark tobacco notes lie beneath minerality in the savoury bouquet, accompanied by fresh apple, mango, and a delicate nutty touch. Powerful and juicy with a fine veil of tannin, it has fine acidity and pear on the finish. Still somewhat closed, it will benefit from bottle ageing.

**96 Grüner Veltliner Smaragd
Ried Achleiten Stockkultur 2019****(99) Grüner Veltliner * Weißenkirchen
Wachstum Bodenstein Smaragd 2021**

13,5 Vol.-%, cork, steel tank

**96 Grüner Veltliner * Weißenkirchen
Wachstum Bodenstein Smaragd 2020****97 Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Wachstum
Bodenstein 2019****93 Grüner Veltliner * Ried Hinter der Burg
Federspiel 2021**

12,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank,

**93 Grüner Veltliner * Ried Hinter der Burg
Federspiel 2020****93 Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Ried
Hinter der Burg 2019****99 Riesling * Wachstum Bodenstein Smaragd 2021**

13,5 Vol.-%, cork, steel tank

**97 Riesling * Wachstum Bodenstein
Smaragd 2020**

Light greenish yellow, silver reflections. Fresh white vine peach, smoky-mineralic with a hint of greengage and delicate mandarin zest in the background. Taut, elegant, white stone fruit, elegant, salty-lemon on the finish with great length. Great future promise.

97 Riesling Smaragd Wachstum Bodenstein 2019**98 Riesling * Ried Klaus Smaragd 2021**

13,5 Vol.-%, cork, steel tank

96 Riesling * Ried Klaus Smaragd 2020**97 Riesling Smaragd Ried Klaus 2019****97 Riesling * Ried Achleiten Smaragd 2021**

13,5 Vol.-%, cork, steel tank

95 Riesling * Ried Achleiten Smaragd 2020**96 Riesling Smaragd Ried Achleiten 2019****97 Riesling * Ried Steinriegl Smaragd 2021**

13 Vol.-%, cork

95 Riesling Smaragd Ried Steinriegl 2019**95 Riesling Smaragd Ried Steinriegl 2018****93 Riesling * Ried Steinriegl Federspiel 2021**

12,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank,

93 Riesling * Ried Steinriegl Federspiel 2020**92 Riesling Federspiel Ried Steinriegl 2019****98 Riesling Ried Klaus Auslese 2021**

12 Vol.-%, cork



WEINGUT SCHMELZ

In the heart of the Wachau, in Joching, is the Schmelz family winery. The winery is run by Thomas Schmelz and his wife Bianca, but Thomas' brother Florian also does a fantastic job in many areas, for example in the vineyard and in the cellar. The young generation is actively supported by Monika and Johann Schmelz, who handed over the winery in 2018.

The vineyard area is spread from Wösendorf to Unterloiben (8 km). As a result, the wines are characterised by different soils and climatic factors. Grüner Veltliner is the main variety, followed by Riesling. The range is completed by Gelber Muskateller, Sauvignon Blanc and

Weißburgunder. Loving work in the vineyards and a careful harvest are the basis for healthy grape material, which is gently processed in the cellar with modern technology. The result is unmistakable, easy-drinking wines with a certain fruitiness. The wines of the Schmelz family, which is a founding member of the area protection association "Vinea Wachau", are awarded prizes at numerous international and national tastings. In 2005 Johann Schmelz was voted "Winemaker of the Year" by Falstaff. Wine tastings are possible in a modern ambience with a dreamlike view into the vineyards.

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Production:

100 % white, 12 hectares

Fairs: VieVinum**Distribution partners:** BE, DE, HK, IT, JP, MAL, NL, PL, RUS, SE, SK, CZ**96 Riesling * Best of 2021**

14 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€€€

96 Best of Riesling * 2020

Medium yellow-green, silver glints. Lovely orange zest, a little papaya, apricot, floral touch, some blossom honey. Good complexity, fruit expression, well-integrated arc of acidity, caramel, accentuated by an inviting bouquet of yellow stone fruit. Multilayered food companion with potential.

95 Riesling Smaragd Best Of 2019**(94) Riesling * Ried Höhereck Smaragd
Dürnsteiner Freiheit 2021**

13,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€€€

**94 Riesling * Ried Höhereck Smaragd
Dürnsteiner Freiheit 2020****93 Riesling Smaragd Ried Höhereck
Dürnsteiner Freiheit 2019****95 Riesling * Weißenkirchen Ried Steinriegl
Smaragd 2021**

13,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€€€

**94 Riesling * Ried Steinriegl Weißenkirchen
Smaragd 2020****94 Riesling Smaragd Ried Steinriegl 2019****92 Riesling * Federspiel Stein am Rain 2021**

12,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€

93 Riesling * Federspiel Stein am Rain 2020**91 Riesling Federspiel Stein am Rain 2018****96 Grüner Veltliner * Joching Ried Kollmitz
Reserve 2021**

13,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€€€

95 Grüner Veltliner * Smaragd Best of 2021

14 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€€€

95 Best of Grüner Veltliner * Smaragd 2020

Medium yellow-green, silver hues. Some tobacco spice, a hint of tropical fruit, candied tangerine zest marked by dark minerality. Good complexity, juicy, taut, powerful, salty, persistent. A versatile food accompaniment with potential.

94 Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Best Of 2018**95 Grüner Veltliner * Loiben Ried Steinertal
Smaragd 2021**

14 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€€€

**94 Grüner Veltliner * Ried Steinertal Loiben
Smaragd 2020****95 Grüner Veltliner Smaragd
Ried Steinertal 2019****(94) Grüner Veltliner * Joching Ried Pichl Point
Smaragd 2021**

14 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€€€

**94 Grüner Veltliner * Ried Pichl Point
Smaragd 2020****94 Grüner Veltliner Smaragd
Ried Pichl Point 2019****94 Grüner Veltliner * Loiben Ried Loibenberg
Smaragd 2021**

14 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€€€

**93 Grüner Veltliner * Ried Loibenberg Loiben
Smaragd 2020****93 Grüner Veltliner Smaragd
Ried Loibenberg 2019**

Danube loop near Rossatz

- 93** Grüner Veltliner * Weißenkirchen Ried Klaus Federspiel 2021
12,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€
- 92** Grüner Veltliner * Ried Klaus Federspiel 2020
- 92** Grüner Veltliner Ried Klaus 2019
- 93** Grüner Veltliner * Joching Ried Pichl Point Federspiel 2021
12,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€
- 92** Grüner Veltliner * Ried Pichl Point Federspiel 2020
- 92** Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Ried Pichl Point 2019
- 91** Grüner Veltliner * Wösendorf Federspiel Tom 2021
12,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€
- 91** Wösendorfer Grüner Veltliner * Federspiel Tom 2020
- 92** Grüner Veltliner Tom 2019
- 92** Grüner Veltliner * Joching Ried Steinwand Federspiel 2021
12,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€

- 90** Grüner Veltliner * Ried Steinwand Joching Federspiel 2020
- 91** Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Ried Steinwand 2019
- 92** Grüner Veltliner * Loiben Federspiel 2021
12,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€
- 91** Loibner Grüner Veltliner * Federspiel 2020
- 89** Loibner Grüner Veltliner Federspiel 2018
- 94** Grüner Veltliner Ried Pichl Point Selection 24 2017
- 91** Gelber Muskateller * Joching Federspiel 2021
12,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€
- 90** Gelber Muskateller * Joching Federspiel 2020
- 92** Gelber Muskateller Ried Postaller 2019
- 89** Sauvignon Blanc * Joching Federspiel 2021
12,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€
- 90** Sauvignon Blanc * Joching 2020
- 91** Sauvignon Blanc Ried Donauefeld 2019



WEINGUT TEGERNSEERHOF

The history of the Tegernseerhof goes back over 1,000 years, to the time when Emperor Heinrich II donated “two hectares of land” in the Wachau to the Benedictine monastery of Tegernsee. In 1176 the Tegernseerhof was built on it, named after its owner. Today the Tegernseerhof is owned by the sixth generation of the Mittelbach family. Its name has been preserved, as has the age-old knowledge of winemaking which has been passed down from generation to generation. The vineyards of the Tegernseerhof extend over the best sites of the Wachau. They are characterised by steep terraces of solid primary rock which are ideally situated to be caressed by the winds and heated by the sun. The result - an unbelievable density and diversity of aromas are revealed in the Smaragd wines of the winery. Whether Grüner Veltliner or Riesling, each wine has its own personality, each its own character.

- (96)** Riesling * Dürnstein Ried Kellerberg Smaragd 2021
13 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€€€
- 95** Riesling * Ried Kellerberg Smaragd 2020
Medium yellow-green, silver reflections. Fine vine peach note, a hint of white apple, mandarin zest, mineral note. Elegant, balanced, yellow tropical fruit, discreet acidity, sweet fruit on the finish, already developed, a multi-faceted food wine.
- 96** Riesling Smaragd Ried Kellerberg 2019
- (95)** Riesling * Loiben Ried Steinertal Smaragd 2021
13 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€€€
- 95** Riesling * Ried Steinertal Smaragd 2020
- 95** Riesling Smaragd Ried Steinertal 2019
- (94)** Riesling * Loiben Ried Loibenberg Smaragd 2021
13 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€€€
- 94** Riesling * Ried Loibenberg Smaragd 2020
- 93** Riesling Smaragd Ried Loibenberg 2019



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Production:

97 % white, 3 % rosé, 23 hectares

Fairs: ProWein Düsseldorf,

VieVinum

Distribution partners: BE, DK, DE, EST, FIN, UK, IT, JP, CDN, LV, LT, NO, PL, SE, CH, SGP, SK, TH, CZ, HU, USA

- (93)** Riesling * Smaragd Bergdistel 2021
13,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€€€
- 93** Riesling * Smaragd Bergdistel 2020
- 93** Riesling Smaragd Bergdistel 2019

- (94)** Grüner Veltliner * Dürnstein Ried Höhereck Smaragd 2021
13,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€€€
- 94** Grüner Veltliner * Ried Höhereck Dürnstein Smaragd 2020

Medium yellow-green with silver reflections. Aromas of fine ripe tropical fruit, a touch of mango, Golden Delicious apple, delicate meadow herbs and blossom honey. The palate is juicy and opulent, with ripe pineapple, sweet texture and discreet acidity, leading to a fruity finish. Good development with definite ageing potential.

- 95** Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Ried Höhereck 2019
- (94)** Grüner Veltliner * Loiben Ried Loibenberg Smaragd 2021
13 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€€€
- 94** Grüner Veltliner * Ried Loibenberg Loiben Smaragd 2020
- 94** Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Ried Loibenberg 2019
- (95)** Grüner Veltliner * Dürnstein Ried Schütt Smaragd 2021
13 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€€€
- 94** Grüner Veltliner * Ried Schütt Dürnstein Smaragd 2020

- 94** Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Ried Schütt 2019
- 93** Grüner Veltliner * Ried Kreutles Loiben Federspiel 2020

- (93)** Grüner Veltliner * Smaragd Bergdistel 2021
14 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€€€
- 93** Grüner Veltliner * Smaragd Bergdistel 2020
- 93** Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Bergdistel 2019

- 92** Grüner Veltliner * Dürnstein Federspiel 2021
12,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€
- 92** Grüner Veltliner * Dürnstein Federspiel 2020
- 90** Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Dürnstein 2018

- 91** Grüner Veltliner * Dürnstein Ried Superin Federspiel 2021
12,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€€€
- 92** Grüner Veltliner * Ried Superin Dürnstein Federspiel 2020
- 91** Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Ried Superin 2018

- 94** Gemischter Satz * Smaragd 2020
- 94** Gemischter Satz Ried Weissenkirchner Zwerithaler 2019
- 94** Gemischter Satz Smaragd Ried Weissenkirchner Zwerithaler 2017



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