
Tegernseerhof Ried Weissenkirchner Zwerithaler

Winery: Tegernseerhof

Category: Wine – Still - White

Grape Variety: Field blend of different varieties

Region: Dürnstein/Wachau/Austria

Vineyard: Ried Weissenkirchner Zwerithaler

Feature: Sustainable

Winery established: Built in 1176, since early 1800's in Mittelbach family ownership

Awards: 2013 92 pts Falstaff, 2012 92 pts WE

Product Information

Soil: "Zwerithaler" means „between the valleys “. This is a small spot in the market town of Weißenkirchen, dominated by a massive rock in the middle of the vineyard. It is authentic field blend or mixed set. A multitude of grapes grow in the picturesque garden, ancient kinds, some of them are not known anymore. It is hardly surprising that the Tegernseerhof Zwerithaler displays a different character every year with various blend of aromas.

Altitude: 656 – 984 feet above sea level

Age of vines: 80 years

Vinification: Harvest in mid-October. Cool fermentation, followed by 6 months aging in stainless steel.

Tasting Notes: Every sip taste different, every sip is unique – that's the fascination of the Zwerithaler Gemischter Satz. This is a full-bodied dry white wine with a rich creamy texture like some of the great White Burgundies with a long beautiful finish...

This single vineyard from Weissenkirchen in the Wachau has very old vines and it is a field blend, which is called "Gemischter Satz" in Austria. Here is how Martin Mittelbach describes the wine: *"Through the picturesque extravagance of "Zwerithaler" this cru developed into ascetic museum - old varieties, crumbling walls - the time seems to have stood still. To bring the flavor potential of these two positions accurately and significantly expressed, we put the varietal character in the background."*

Alc: 13 % vol.

RS: 5.5 g/l

Acidity: 7.9 g/l

Producer Information

The Mittelbach family's Tegernseerhof, located in Unterloiben, just below Dürnstein, boasts a tradition dating back to the year 1002. The original facilities were built in 1176 by the Benedictine community of the Tegernsee Abbey. For centuries, the abbey was where the Bavarian monastery produced its wine. At the turn of the 19th century, it was acquired by the Austrian Empire and later, it went into private ownership. Franz Mittelbach and his wife, Mathilde, are the 5th generation of Tegernseerhof owners. Since the 1970s, they have been continuously running Tegernseerhof as a family business. Today, Martin Mittelbach, the son of Franz and Mathilde, is the current caretaker of this history. Total of 66 acres of which 50% are terraced vineyards. Tegernseerhof vineyards flourish on stone terraces whose verdant soil plays host to a rich variety of indigenous fauna. Among the best-known, excellent locations and wines are Bergdistel, Höhereck and Loibenberg (for Grüner Veltliner) as well as Loibenberg, Steinertal and Kellerberg (for Riesling). The Estate is a member of the exclusive association "Vinea Wachau", therefore the Vinification follows the strict regulations of the "Codex Wachau". Total production: 150,000 bottles.