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## Tegernseerhof “T26” Dürnstein Grüner Veltliner Federspiel

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**Winery:** Tegernseerhof

**Category:** Wine – Still - White

**Grape Variety:** Grüner Veltliner

**Region:** Dürnstein/Wachau/Austria

**Vineyard:** The flat vineyards around Dürnstein

**Feature:** sustainable

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

**Awards:** 2018 90 pts WE



### Product Information

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**Soil:** Gföhler Gneiss and alluvial soil. The flat lands of the vineyards around Dürnstein and Loiben are characterized by very deep sandy soils. This very warm and light soil has low water holding capacity. Through this ever-moderate stress situation the roots are encouraged to penetrate the deepest layers of soil to ensure the water supply of the plant -the age of our 50-year-old vines guarantee this optimum root growth and maturity of the wood.

**Altitude:** 656 feet above sea level

**Age of vines:** 50 years

**Vinification & Yield:** Harvest in September, cool fermentation in stainless steel tanks, followed by ageing of 4 months.

**Tasting Note:** The vineyard is called Frauenweingarten. Very aromatic, full of round fruit balanced with crisp acidity. The distinct soil lends a pleasant minerality, while the tropical fruit play is balanced with a white pepper note typical of this varietal.

**T26 cuvée:** takes its name from an eventful tasting session with Austrian exporter, Klaus Wittauer, who was in the Mittelbach family cellar at their Tegernseerhof winery, searching for his absolute favorite among the estate's tanks of recently vinified less-expensive Grüner. When he found the one, he exclaimed, "This is it! I'll take the whole tank." That tank was #26, and "T26" has since served as the nickname for the estate's greatest value GV.

**Alc:** 12.5 % vol.

**RS:** 1.1 g/l

**Acidity:** 5.1 g/l

### Producer Information

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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, Hoehereck 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.