



Ried Heiligenstein Alte Reben Riesling 2018

Kamptal DAC, Erste Lage

Description

The “Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” among our Rieslings – both gentle and wicked: juicy, mouth-filling, creamy texture flatters the palate while the Riesling acidity cuts with the precision of a dissecting scalpel. What initially appears charming is in reality very tightly knit. Ripe, sweet apricot fruit and notes of white blossoms are juxtaposed with piquant spice and salty minerals. This vibrant play of aromas, flavours and structure extends from the tip of the tongue all the way through the impressive length. Contrary to the fiend from the novel, this Heiligenstein does not have a split personality. The contrasting characteristics unite like pieces of a puzzle to create exciting tension and complexity. Sherlock would only hunt this wine for pure enjoyment...

Background

The “Alten Reben” has earned its name honestly: the Riesling vines were planted in 1962 and are among the oldest in the entire Heiligenstein vineyard. They root deep into the desert sandstone and volcanic conglomerate rock. Due to their naturally low yield and small berries, they produce a highly concentrated, extremely mineral wine. The nature reserve on Heiligenstein and a special microclimate are responsible for a unique, nearly Mediterranean dry grassland fauna and flora.

Only fully ripe, healthy grapes are selected by hand and transported in small crates. After de-stemming, grapes are left to macerate for a couple hours before being gently pressed. The free-run is transferred without the use of pumps to large wooden casks in the natural underground cellar. There, it is fermented spontaneously and matured on its fine lees.

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Grape variety: 100% Riesling
Vineyard / Site: Heiligenstein . ORGANIC
Soil: weathered desert sandstone with volcanic conglomerate
ABV: 12,5 %
Ac: 6,1‰
RS: 3,1g/l
Ageing potential: 2031+

