



WEINGUT RUDI PICHLER

Rudi Pichler certainly counts among the most successful vintners of Wachau. His vineyards are distributed between Joching, Wösendorf, Weissenkirchen, and Mautern. White wines of character in astounding diversity for such a small winery are produced. Next to Grüner Veltliner and Riesling, Rudi Pichler cultivates Burgundian varieties as well. Pichler understands how to breathe character into wines of every category. His Grüner Veltliner Federspiel is always a favourite among insiders because it combines easy-drinking enjoyment with the classic varietal expression of the Wachau. Terroir is brilliantly defined in this vintner's Smaragd wines. After a few years' maturation in the bottle, these powerful wines develop their full splendour. Pichler continues to practice extended skin contact, yet abstains from his earlier philosophy of prolonging fermentation to better achieve the style that he seeks. The results are nuanced premium wines with inimitable expression. The opening of the new winery building was celebrated in 2004 and not only is the architecture stunning, it also provides the dedicated vintner optimal conditions for crafting his stunning wines. Mineral brilliance, taut structure and depth of aroma distinguishes Rudi Pichler's outstanding new series of wines. The differing terroirs are expressed with superb precision. It is a joy to taste these wines and the Grüner Veltliner and Riesling from the Achleithen vineyard are particularly fascinating. Falstaff awarded Rudi Pichler as Vintner of the Year in 2010.

96 Riesling Smaragd Ried Achleithen 2018

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Medium green-yellow with silver highlights. Delicate blossom honey, a touch of apricot, yellow peach and orange zest nuances. Concentrated with delicate fruit sweetness wrapped around a mineral core. Wonderfully balanced and multi-layered. The incredibly long, mineral finish possesses a certain salty piquancy. Marvellous potential for many years of enjoyment.

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95 Riesling Smaragd Ried Hochrain 2018

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96 Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Ried Achleithen 2018

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Medium green-yellow with silver highlights. Yellow apple, nuances of mango and papaya, blossom honey, subtle orange zest and mineral spice. Full-bodied with sweet extract pleasantly balanced with a vibrant acid and mineral structure. Lime and salt notes join in on the incredibly long finish. Superb ageing potential.

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Production:

70.000 bottles, 100 % white

15 Hectares

Fairs:

ProWein, VieVinum

Distribution partners:

AUS, IT, JP, SE, CDN, CH, BE, SRB, SGP, SK, RC, LT, DK, LU, ES, DE, FIN, NZ, CZ, NL, GB, NO, HK, USA

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- 94** Grüner Veltliner Smaragd
Ried Kollmütz 2018
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- 93** Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Terrassen 2018
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- 91** Grüner Veltliner Federspiel 2018
- 91** Grüner Veltliner Federspiel 2017
- 92** Grüner Veltliner Federspiel 2016

- 95** Roter Veltliner Smaragd 2018
- 96** Roter Veltliner Smaragd 2017

Medium yellow with gold highlights. Ripe mango, apricot, discreet blossom honey and subtle candied orange zest. The opulently textured bodied is superbly structured with taut, juicy acidity. Delicate fruit sweetness flirts with spice and minerals on the incredibly long finish. Marvellous potential to age gracefully for many years.

- 96** Roter Veltliner Smaragd 2016

- 93** Weißburgunder Smaragd Ried Kollmütz 2018
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