



DOMÄNE  
WACHAU

# NEUBURGER FEDERSPIEL SPITZER GRABEN 2023

**A rare grape variety with a lot of expression and a great spectrum of aromas from the cool Spitzer Graben.**

## ORIGIN & TERROIR

Grapes from steep terraced vineyards from the „Spitzer Graben“ (a narrow valley leading up to the north), including famous single-vineyard sites such as Bruck, Setzberg, Trenning, Kalkofen and Brandstatt were carefully hand-picked for this wine. The extremely steep hills and the cool, marginal climate that is strongly influenced by cool air streams from the Waldviertel, one of Austria's coldest areas, define this wine. Migmatitic gneiss and some paragneiss, typical primary rock formations with thin layers of top soil, dominate this most western part of the Wachau valley.

## VINTAGE 2023

An exceptionally mild and dry winter was followed by a cool spring, which provided the soil with plenty of moisture. The vines benefited from this often during the hot summer days. Several hailstorms came through the region in what was a very good year until the Autumn. High September temperatures and the resulting ripeness was compensated for by cool October nights, so that in the end we were able to harvest ripe and healthy grapes. The result is balanced and harmonious wines with a rounder texture and complex, juicy aromas.

## VINEYARD & CELLAR

Work in the vineyard takes place based on sustainable and, increasingly, organic principles, without the use of insecticides or herbicides, and grapes are hand-picked. The grapes are carefully selected and then processed in a pneumatic tank press. After gentle pressing, the spontaneous fermentation took place in big wooden casks.

## CHARACTER & STYLE

the aromas are complex on the nose revealing notes of crushed red apple, hints of citrus blossom, walnut and almond and fine spices. Powerful and classy on the palate, a very juicy fruit, balanced, refreshing wine with a good structure. The name Federspiel is derived from falconry which was a very popular leisure time activity among the nobility in medieval times. The falcon stands for the remarkable elegance of these dry white wines. It goes just as well with a hearty Brettljause (typical Austrian cold cuts) as it does with a cooked shoulder jerk with hash browns and chive sauce or a roast chicken. It can also be Mediterranean dish like a "Pesce al Forno" (fried sea bream) or Far Eastern spicy cuisine like a Wagyu Carpaccio (from Japanese beef) on sesame cream and basil. Enjoy young or age for 3-5 years.



2023: 90 Points | FALSTAFF

2022: 91 Points | FALSTAFF

2021: 91 Points | FALSTAFF

2020: 91 Points | FALSTAFF Europe No 1 - Worldwide No 3 | WORLD´S BEST VINEYARDS

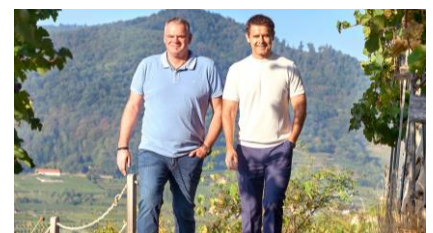
Alcohol: 12,5 % | Acidity: 6,1 ‰ | Residual Sugar: 1,0 g/l



BAROQUE CELLAR PALACE



SPITZER GRABEN



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