



DOMÄNE
WACHAU

RIESLING SPÄTLESE

RIED ACHLEITEN 1969

Great wine - great vintage: ripe peach, well integrated sweetness and good acidity structure.

ORIGIN & TERROIR

Achleiten is a legendary Ried on the edge of the village of Weißenkirchen. Dry stone walls from the 12th century retain silicate-rich hillside soils and shape the look of this grand site. The topsoil in the upper part of the vineyard contains Gföhl Gniess. And on the lower part of the hillside, dark sections of slate amphibolite rock emerge. One of the most extraordinary sites in the Wachau. This wine impresses with mineral character, finesse, and outstanding ageing potential!

1969 VINTAGE

The 1969 vintage started with an early flowering and a warm and rather dry summer. Rain came just at the right time and moderate temperatures in August slowed down the ripening process of the grapes. Beautiful October weather brought the grapes to perfect ripeness. The result is wine an outstanding "Prädikatswein" with beautiful botrytis and great depth of flavor. 1969 is considered to be one of the best vintages in the past century.

VINEYARDS & CELLAR

Due to the meagre soil of the Achleiten vineyard, the cultivation of Riesling is characterized by reduced yields. The Riesling grapes for this Spätlese were handpicked following a strict selection for the final passes. A certain amount of botrytis characterizes the wine in a characterful way. The slow fermentation and ageing in large wooden barrels ensured depth and structure.

STYLE & CHARACTER

Clear and deep golden yellow with iridescent reflections. Scents of mandarin zest, apricot confit and delicate herbal notes. Fruity flavors of ripe peach and a perfectly integrated acidity structure. The vibrant acidity and sweet fruit together create harmony with a complex body. Ideally enjoyed chilled to around 12°C. A grand solo wine to celebrate even the most special of moments. Classically served with sweet desserts, however it pairs equally well with roasted Austrian goose, pâté, or spicy Indian fish curry. By Austrian law, a Spätlese is an Austrian "Prädikatswein" from late-harvested grapes with a minimum must weight of 21° KMW (105° Öchsle).

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Alcohol: 11,4 % | Acidity: 9,4 % | Residual Sugar: 15,3 g/l



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