# GRÜNER VELTLINER STEINWERK SPITZER GRABEN 2020



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# **ORIGIN & TERROIR**

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# VINTAGE 2020

Wines of the 2020 vintage show clear and precise character with a fresh, fruity note, although the harvest yielded only marginal quantities. What began as a dry, warm year turned into a summer that alternated between sunny and rainy periods, and in late August the Wachau suffered a severe hailstorm. It is especially vintages like 2020 that underscore how important it is to pick and carefully select grapes by hand.

# **VINEYARD & CELLAR**

Work in the vineyard takes place based on organic principles, without the use of insecticides or herbicides, and grapes are hand-picked. After an extended maceration period, the must was fermented spontaneously in marble and granite vessels and after 12 months of aging on the fine lees the wine was bottled without fining and filtration.

# **CHARACTER & STYLE**

Open and accessible on the nose, intense spice, pink pepper, thyme and fennel; on the palate ripe vineyard peach, quince, wet stones and chalkiness in the aftertaste. Served not too cold, this Grüner Veltliner is a versatile accompaniment to various dishes. It harmonizes perfectly with Austrian dishes such as a spicy beef carpaccio, with baked porcini mushrooms or with stuffed veal breast. This Grüner Veltliner also excellently supports Mediterranean cuisine such as Ossobuco, Souvlaki or Cevapcici. It also goes perfectly with a spicy Thai curry with coconut milk or fried beef with Sichuan pepper. Grüner Veltliner Steinwerk is already very accessible in youth, but also has potential for another 3 to 5 years.

Alcohol: 12,5 % | Acidity: 6,5 % | Residual Sugar: 1.0 g/l



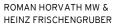






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A notably cold spring and a cool summer pushed back the growing calendar. Then came a picture-perfect autumn: glorious weather, filled with plentiful sunshine, dry days and cool nights — ideal conditions for the optimally ripened fruit that powers a truly grand vintage. This year will be remembered for its wines of good concentration and compelling elegance and finesse, combined with depth, tremendous momentum and tension on the palate and challenging acidity.

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2021: 93-95 Points | FALSTAFF 92 Points | PARKER

2020: 92 Points | DECANTER 91 Points | WINE ENTHUSIAST

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