



## WIENER RIESLING 2020



**Vintage:** The year began with an exceptionally dry winter without the usual water reserves being built up. And also spring started not only dry, but also exceptionally warm. However, there was neither late frost nor lasting problems due to the initially low water supply. The later beginning of spring led to well-balanced precipitation with medium to warmer temperatures. This situation hardly changed in summer either, periods of average warmth were repeatedly interrupted by short periods of bad weather with sufficient rainfall. An overall very pleasant summer for the vines, which encouraged the development of more intense fruit notes in

the grapes. Since September was also showing its best side, the harvest started again relatively early in order not to achieve too high sugar levels for our lighter wines. It was very noticeable this vintage, that the Bisamberg with its loess soils showed much earlier maturity than the Nussberg with its heavier shell limestone and primary rock soils. When we started with the vineyards on the Nussberg, half of the gardens on the Bisamberg had already been harvested. At the beginning of October there was a lasting change in the weather. Suddenly the glorious late summer was over, cool temperatures, repeated rain and tough early morning fog made the harvest very difficult. Fortunately, the vines with their grapes were now at such a high physiological maturity that the rain and the damp fog in particular could no longer affect the quality. In late October we waited patiently again and again, sometimes for several days, to continue with the harvest- The completion only succeeded towards mid-November, as late as it had not been for a long time. The white wines appear very intense and lively, have very good depth without being too heavy in the alcohol. The red wines also seem fruitier than before, but due to the reduced yield they also have a corresponding length with ripe tannins. 2020 appears surprisingly balanced and of high quality, with an elegance that we would not have expected before the harvest.

**Soil:** The grapes for the Wiener Riesling are grown in the vineyards of the Wiener Bisamberg (65%) and the Nussberg (35%). The Bisamberg soil is comprised of light, sandy loess over massive limestone, and the Nussberg consists mainly of weathered shell-limestone – also over massive limestone. An open, apricot-toned character defines the Bisamberg, while the Nussberg tends to exude mineral and peach flavours.

**Vineyard and Cellar:** The grapes come exclusively from vineyards that have been farmed according to biodynamic guidelines since 2008. After being harvested meticulously by hand, and then undergoing another careful selection through a fully automatic grape-sorter, the grapes from each parcel for the Wiener Riesling underwent a 5-hour maceration period and

were then carefully pressed. The pre-clarified must was cooled in stainless steel tanks and, with spontaneous yeasts, fermented and matured to emphasize the fragrant character as much as possible as well as underscore the terroir notes. After ageing on the fine lees for a moderate length of time, the individual parts were blended together and bottled in March.

**Tasting Notes:** The Wiener Riesling is intense and concentrated on the nose but also fresh, pure and citrusy. On the palate this is pure and elegant, finessed and balanced dry Riesling full of tension. It also is ideal for pairing with spicy Asian cuisine.

**Wine Data:** Alc. 14,0%; Acidity 6,4 g/l; Residual sugar 1,7 g/l.

