

DOMÄNE ROLAND CHAN –

RIESLING SMARAGD WACHAU DAC RIED BACH 2022



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### DOMÄNE ROLAND CHAN:

Domäne Roland Chan is the realisation of a dream of Roland Müksch and his family in 2017 – the creation of a boutique winery featuring the dry wall terraces in the heart of the Wachau. The terraces are tilled manually with deep respect for nature. The wines are a pure expression of the cultural heritage landscape. Since 2019 member of the Vinea Wachau.

### Ried Bach:

A South-West facing amphitheatre with very steep slopes, between 250m and 300m altitude, shaped into impressive terraces with high dry walls. Planted entirely with Riesling 30-45 years old, which thrives magnificently in this mineral rich soil. The top west vineyard is covered with forest but ancient terraces are clearly visible amongst the trees. Permission has been given to restore this part into 10 terraces and to replant them. Originally 2 vineyards, a lot of hard work has now fused them together and interconnected them with a serpentine going up the slope. A hard vineyard to work, but the wine has proven to be outstanding.

### Vintage Note 2022:

The 2022 wine-growing season was marked by unusually warm and dry weather. A mild winter and early spring provided optimal initial growth conditions, while a particularly hot summer accelerated ripening. However, timely rainfall in late summer prevented drought stress and supported the development of healthy, balanced grapes. This vintage has yielded wines with concentrated flavours, vibrant acidity, and good structure, and a more delicate structure than the 2021s.

### Harvest dates: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### Winemaking notes

The pre-harvests in Bach paid off and on harvest day we hauled in clean and mature grapes. The quality was superb and perfectly clean. We cold macerated for over 24 hours due to the purity of the fruit. Following the great experience with the 2019 and 2020 vintages we decided to use again the large Schneckenleitner barrel for this wine. Fermentation finished three weeks later and was taken off the gross lees and kept until July 2022 on the fine lees until bottling, which was done unfiltered. Minimal use of sulphur.

### Tasting note

James Suckling 95

This wonderfully elegant wine reminds me of the great Wachau rieslings of the 1980s and 1990s. Fantastic interplay of concentrated white and yellow peach aromas with intense wet stone minerality on the medium-bodied palate. So precise and refined, but with a driving intensity in the very long, crystalline finish that's brimming with mandarin oranges.

Falstaff 93

Pale golden yellow, silver reflections. Delicate yellow tropical fruit, aromas of passion fruit and pineapple, delicately background of peach, an inviting bouquet. Juicy, freshly structured, white fruit, mineral, lively and persistent, an animating food wine with good ageing potential.

IWSC SILVER 92

Baked biscuit and luscious fruit, with hints of chamomile blossom and acacia. The palate reveals a creamy, round texture with vibrant citrus and green apple, concluding with a lingering finish.

Riesling Smaragd Ried Bach DAC 2022  
Wachau  
Prüfnummer: N 16257/23  
Production: 870 bottles, 50 Magnums

Alcohol: 13,0 %  
Dry extract: 22,4 g/l  
Residual Sugar: 1,9 g/l  
Acidity: 6,8 g/l  
Total SO<sub>2</sub>: 91 mg/l

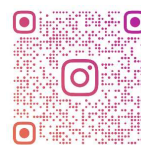
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