

DOMÄNE ROLAND CHAN –  
RIESLING SMARAGD RIED BACH 2019



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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 toiled 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 in the next 3 years. 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 2019:

2019 was a benign year. There was risk of frost up to May, but avoided in Ried Bach. The flowering was perfect and announced ample quantity. The summer was war, but not too hot and guaranteed steady ripening. September was dry and October glorious. By mid-October the grapes were ripe and in perfect health without any botrytis or disease. A high quality and memorable harvest.

#### Harvest dates: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021

#### Winemaking notes

The grapes were in perfect conditions permitting 24 hours of cold macerations before pressing. This was the first year that the large Schneckenleitner barrel was used. Fermentation started naturally, but proceeded slowly. At the end of November the fermentation had not finished and the wine naturally entered malolactic fermentation. After the MF had finished the wine was taken off the gross lees and continued to mature in the barrel. The wine was kept in the barrel until July 2020. The wine was still very nervy and fresh yeast from the 2020 fermentation was added end of 2020. The wine was then bottled in April 2021. Minimal use of sulphur.

#### Tasting notes

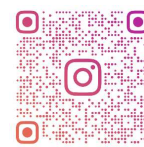
James Suckling 93, Falstaff 93

Smoky and toasty nose, plus fully ripe peach and nectarine character give this powerful dry Wachau Riesling a lot of personality. And behind them is quite some structure, the minerality building and building at the impressively long finish. Drink or hold.

Riesling Smaragd Ried Bach 2019  
Prüfnummer: N 1364/21  
Production: 1200 bottles, 150 Magnums

Alcohol:	13.5%
Dry extract:	23.2 g/l
Residual Sugar:	5.0 g/l
Acidity:	4.5 g/l
Total SO <sub>2</sub> :	109 mg/l

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