

DOMÄNE ROLAND CHAN –

WEISSBURGUNDER SMARAGD WACHAU ALTE REBEN 2022



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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 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. Since 2024 certified Sustainable Austria.

Ried Höll:

South facing, between 300m and 345m altitude, covering nearly the whole part of the south side of Ried Höll, the steep slopes have little top soil and the bedrock often breaks through. The south expositions makes this a hot site. Very steep terraces, all secured with dry walls. A patchwork of different plots planted with a panoply of grape varieties - Grüner Veltliner, Riesling, Muskateller, Zweigelt and very old Weissburgunder (Pinot Blanc) and the odd vine that remains to be identified. Dotted with 5 different huts, a large walnut tree, a deer stand and a newly built tasting terrace - this vineyard is unlike any other.

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 date: 21st October 2022

Winemaking notes

We hit an optimal maturity level with the Weissburgunder. The vines are incredibly old, over 70 years, but the gnarly trunks still yield plenty beautiful fruit. We cold macerated for 4 hours before a gentle press. Slow fermentation in a 400l Schneckleitere barrel to full dryness. Frequent battonage whilst on the fine lees for 9 months, to give a beautiful creamy texture. No fining and no filtering.

Tasting note

James Suckling 93:

This excellent dry pinot blanc marries the white tree and citrus fruit aromas of this grape with a fascinating delicate spiciness on the silky, medium- to full-bodied palate. With aeration a touch of pineapple chutney develops, yet the overall impression is very bright. Long, succulent yet focused finish. Excellent aging potential.

A La Carte 93:

Youthful color, nuanced bouquet, candied orange and apple, mandarin, full-bodied, well-supported acidity, fruity-spicy finish, fine tannins, good length.

Weissburgunder Alte Reben Smaragd
Wachau DAC Wösendorf 2022

Prüfnummer: N 16249/23
Production: 610 bottles and 50 Magnums

Alcohol: 13.3%
Dry extract: 20.1 g/l
Residual Sugar: 2.3 g/l
Acidity: 5.2 g/l
Total SO₂: 93 mg/l

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