

WEINGUT RUDI PICHLER



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Rudi Pichler
Winemaker: Rudi Pichler
Total acreage under vine: 37
Estate founded: 1904
Winery production: 100,000 Bottles
Region: Wachau
Country: Austria

Grüner Veltliner Ried Achleithen Smaragd 2018

WINE DESCRIPTION

Rudi Pichler is among the elite growers of the Wachau producing wines of precision, power, and longevity. Grüner Veltliner and Riesling make up 95% of the production with the remaining 5% shared between Weißburgunder and Roter Veltliner. Rudi Pichler belongs to the prestigious Vinea Wachau and vinifies under the strict parameters of their codex.

Yields are kept low between 30 and 35 hectoliters per hectare with botrytis carefully removed by hand. Grapes are crushed by foot and receive between three and 36 hours of maceration on the skins. Vinification is entirely in stainless-steel tanks and malolactic fermentation is avoided.

Achleithen, from “ach” meaning water path and “leiten” referring to the slope, is a terraced vineyard in Weissenkirchen sitting between 200 and 400 meters of elevation. Rudi Pichler's parcel lies in the small section of Achleithen that faces west where weathered Gföler Gneiss dominates the upper terraces. Achleithen is one of the most famous vineyards in the Wachau and gives wines that are distinctly mineral.

TASTING NOTES

Grüner Veltliner is the signature grape of Austria and produces a dry white wine with savory aromas, spicy flavors, and good acidity. Grüner Veltliner Smaragd from the Wachau is a full-bodied wine and is rich in style with notes of stone fruit, lemon, radish, and arugula.

FOOD PAIRING

Grüner Veltliner's bright acidity and savory character make it an ideal partner to mildly spiced Vietnamese, Thai, and Chinese flavors. Fish and shellfish are accented by Grüner Veltliner's citrus and mineral profile while its acidity cuts the richness of pork or ham. It can also work well with foods that are difficult to pair such as bitter greens and asparagus.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Vineyard name:	Ried Achleithen
Vineyard size:	55 acres
Soil composition:	Gneiss and Rocky
Training method:	Cane-pruned
Elevation:	726-1,188 feet
Vines/acre:	1,800
Exposure:	Southwestern
Year vineyard planted:	1970
Average Vine Age:	50+ years

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	100% Grüner Veltliner
Prefermentation technique:	Cold soak
Time on its skins:	18 hours
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel tanks
Malolactic fermentation:	no
Fining agent:	Vegan
Type of aging container:	Stainless steel tanks
Length of aging before bottling:	7 months
Length of bottle aging:	1 month

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	14.0 %
Residual sugar:	2.7 g/L
Acidity:	5.0 g/L