

## F.X. PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU RIED KELLERBERG SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**100**

An amazingly concentrated dry riesling that somehow manages to be extraordinarily light-footed. There's a super-wide spectrum of aromas from parsley through lemon grass, with ripe white peach, mandarin orange and white chocolate in between. The breathtaking balance is more important than all of this, extending right through the incredibly long, lingering finish. Drink any time during the next thirty years!

## NIKOLAIHOF RIESLING WACHAU VINOTHEK 2000

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Niederosterreich**

**Vintage**

**2000**

**Score**

**99**

Welcome to the riesling deep end! Try to climb out if you can, but I don't want to! Although this is almost 20 years old there's a kaleidoscope of dried fruit aromas which also make this one of the world's most amazing dry white wines. An austere, but enormously intense, dry finish that words can't easily describe.

## PRAGER RIESLING WACHAU ACHLEITEN SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**98**

A stunning high-end dry riesling that's still quite shy on the nose, but really concentrated and very finely-nuanced on the palate. Devastatingly beautiful peachy fruit, some honeysuckle and enormous depth at the long, graceful finish. This will age well if you can resist it now.

## EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU VINOHEKFÜLLUNG SMARAGD 2015

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2015**

**Score**

**98**

This is a very big wine for a dry riesling with some botrytis (a hint of honey and a slight oiliness on the palate) as well as massive power and concentration. Needs some time for all its riches to spread out. Enormous length at the very complex finish. Better from 2018 and has decades ahead of it.

## F.X. PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KELLERBERG SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**98**

A unique grüner veltliner with white chocolate and smoky notes and a minerally elegance unlike anything else. In spite of its power this glides over the palate and out towards the horizon. The most closed of Lucas Pichler's 2016s, so better from 2018 after which you can wait almost as long as you want.

## F.X. PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU UNENDLICH SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**98**

Still very young, this super-ripe riesling is packed with fresh peach as well as some dried peach. Enormous concentration and potential, but also great acidity that is slightly dominant at the enormous and very long finish. Better to wait until at least 2018 after which this has almost limitless (that's what Unendlich means in German) ageing potential.

## NIKOLAIHOF RIESLING WACHAU BAUMPRESSE IM WEINGEBIRGE 2012

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2012**

**Score**

**97**

A fabulously ripe yet delicate apricot nose, then enormous concentration and great balance on the palate with an extremely streamlined, super-long finish. This was pressed with a huge, 350-year-old wooden press, and that doesn't strike me as a gimmick, but rather it has helped the wine to reach this extraordinary harmony. Drink or hold.

## FRANZ HIRTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU HONIVOGL SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**97**

A super-complex and vibrant nose with a huge range of herbs, jasmine, exotic fruits, grapefruit and lemon. Stunning concentration, but also great vitality and herbal freshness at the very long finish. This will hold for several decades, but it's hard to resist it here and now.

## FRANZ HIRTZBERGER RIESLING WACHAU SINGERRIEDEL SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**97**

Clearly the most youthful 2016 riesling from Hirtzberger, this will be better from 2018. The nose is lemony with some fresh pineapple and a wealth of fresh herbs showing. On the palate a great stone fruits juiciness comes through which beautifully balances the intensely mineral acidity. A breathtaking finish. Will hold for several decades.

**PRAGER RIESLING WACHAU KLAUS SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**97**

Very flinty and quite smoky, this is still very tightly wound and has a staggering minerality, but you need to wait at least until 2018 - actually 2028, or even 2038, would be better! - for this radical expression of Wachau terroir to give its best. An amazing finish that doesn't want to stop!

**EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU VINOOTHEKFÜLLUNG  
SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**97**

A widescreen grüner veltliner with a wealth of mango and papaya. Lush and generous with a lovely acidity. Great tension. A very complex wine with a slightly sweet, lingering finish. Drink or hold as long as you dare, because this has many decades of ageing potential.

**EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU VINOOTHEKFÜLLUNG SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**97**

Welcome to the Goldilocks zone! This is a very concentrated wine, but it has just about perfect balance, a lot of citrus at the super-long finish. Better from 2018, but could hold many decades.

**EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU RIED SCHÜTT SMARAGD 2015**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2015**

**Score**

**97**

Floral honey and delicate exotic fruit notes, but also a minty freshness. What stunning energy this has! The considerable power of this wine is barely perceptible. A breathtakingly vital finish with no hint of opulence. Could age for many decades if you've got the patience.

**EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU VINOTHEKFÜLLUNG  
SMARAGD 2015**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2015**

**Score**

**97**

An explosion of pink grapefruit announces the arrival of this enormous wine. This has titanic concentration and also some alcohol. An extremely long finish that's very silky. Drink or die!

**F.X. PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU M SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**97**

Enormously concentrated and seriously creamy this is a monumental wine (for which the M stands), but has great balance, too. The finish is extremely clean and long. Better from 2018 with enormous ageing potential.

**JOSEF JAMEK RIESLING WACHAU RIED KLAUS SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**97**

Still a little closed on the nose this youthful riesling has a lot more to offer on the palate where there is very ripe mango as well as tangerine and white chocolate. Turns bone dry at the very long, graceful finish. Better from 2018 and has a couple of decades ahead of it.

**RUDI PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU RIED ACHLEITHEN SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**97**

So much dried apricot and powerful citrus fruit character. Grapefruit and lemon galore. Full body, dense and flavorful yet with an underlying acid intensity that makes the wine lively and vivid. Dedicated dry style delivers wondrous white. Drink or hold.

**RUDI PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED HOCHRAIN SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**97**

Wow. This is really extreme and exciting with sea salt, white peach and lime. Flinty. Full body, incredibly intense and dry. So long and powerful. Pushes all the limits. Drink or hold.

## NIKOLAIHOF RIESLING WACHAU STEINRIESLER 2004

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2004**

**Score**

**96**

Maybe this is a little shy on the nose, but 12 years of ageing in large, neutral wood have only added to the power and intensity of this wine. Dried apricot, mango and citrus peel on the palate. The finish is very long and super-mineral. However, to get all of this you must decant the wine. Drink or hold.

## FRANZ HIRTZBERGER RIESLING WACHAU HOCHRAIN SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**96**

A Hirtzberger dry riesling with a stunning bouquet. Myriad flowers and spices, and herbal freshness, too. This adds up to a wine of great complexity with many subtle nuances at the long, almost silky, finish. Drink now.

## FRANZ HIRTZBERGER RIESLING WACHAU SINGERRIEDEL SMARAGD 2004

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2004**

**Score**

**96**

A beautiful, mature dry riesling that's racy and super-elegant with lots of fresh citrusy aromas and some herbal notes. A rich, mellow and mature character on the palate. The finish is super-long, lemony and mineral and leaves you in no doubt. Drink or hold.

## PRAGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ACHLEITEN STOCKKULTUR

SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**96**

Dense and powerful but with a light touch, this is a remarkable grüner veltliner with intense mirabelle, smoke and wild herb aromas. A very long and powerful finish that's still clean and animating. From vines planted in 1937 – and Stockkultur refers to the ancient training. Drink now and for several decades.

## PRAGER RIESLING WACHAU WACHSTUM BODENSTEIN SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**96**

Incredibly fresh lemon, lemon balm and lemon mint as well as nectarine and Japanese plum aromas make this completely different to every other Austrian dry riesling. This is so sleek, vibrant and crisp that it literally takes your breath away at the very long finish. From a vineyard 460 meters above sea level that's right on the climatic edge. Drink or hold.

## PRAGER RIESLING WACHAU KLAUS SMARAGD 2015

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2015**

**Score**

**96**

Even richer wine than the 2016 riesling Smaragd from the great Klaus site. Sleek for 14% alcohol with enormous depth and concentration, but also a minty note and great candied lemon and mineral freshness at the long finish. Drink now and for many years to come.



**EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**96**

A seriously elegant and filigree wine with great finesse and a super-long finish. The fruit aromas are still embryonic, but wait until 2018 or, even better, 2019 and this will blossom. Decades of ageing potential.

**EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU RIED SCHÜTT SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**96**

Super-ripe and super-fresh with hints of all the citrus fruits and some stone fruits, too. The finish has a ton of dried citrus and staggering vitality that suggests this wine has decades of ageing potential.

**F.X. PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED STEINERTAL SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**96**

A stunning mirabelle, herbal and flinty nose that's as intense as it is delicate. The muscular leanness of a long-distance runner combined with enormous minerality make this a very special grüner veltliner with an extremely long, exciting finish. You could drink it now, but this will age for at least a couple of decades.

**F.X. PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED LIEBENBERG SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**96**

At once creamy and fresh with more herbal notes than fruity ones. Plenty of power at the front, and the finish is very long with a pronounced chalkiness. You could drink this now, but it has several decades ahead of it.

**F.X. PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU RIED STEINERTAL SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**96**

Very cool, racy and delicate with an intense herbal, lemony and mineral freshness. A totally pristine dry riesling with a diamond-like brilliance at the long complex finish. Better from 2018 and for at least a couple of decades.

**F.X. PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**96**

Welcome to the riesling desert island! Super-ripe with a wealth of orange, a hint of mango aromas and a lot of power. Stunning freshness at the long, full finish. Better from 2018, but there's no hurry to drink this.

**RUDI PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU RIED KIRCHWEG SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**96**

A fresh and intense white with lemon rind and dried peach character. Sea salt undertones. Full body, bone dry and very flavor intensive. Persistent finish. Drink now or hold.

**RUDI PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED HOCHRAIN 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**96**

Lime cordial, slate, loquat, jasmine, rose apples and preserved lemons as well as a hint of apricots and ruby red apples. The palate is so structured and oily yet at the same time fresh and linear. Medium to full body, pretty acidity and a long, long finish. What a wine. Just so elegant. Drink in 2018 but this could go on for decades.

**NIKOLAIHOF RIESLING WACHAU VOM STEIN SMARAGD 2014**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2014**

**Score**

**95**

This has an amazing interplay of peachy fruit and intense herbal character. The palate is seamlessly elegant and very long, gliding out with consummate grace. Drink or hold.

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU AXPOINT SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**95**

Very spicy and concentrated this wine packs a big punch. An extremely attractive wine. The yellow fruit aromas grow with every swirl of the glass. A slightly exotic, long finish. Drink or hold.

PRAGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ZWERITHALER KAMMERGUT

SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**95**

A unique grüner veltliner from Prager. Very cool with an intense mirabelle and Reine Claude plum character. The depth on the mid-palate is stunning, but this wine is still very tightly wound and will be better in 2018 or 2019. The super-mineral finish is powerful but sleek. Should keep for several decades.

EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG

SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**95**

Peach, rose and a fresh herbal nose. Sleek and filigree for this grape with a great lemon zest and a mineral finish that goes on and on. Better from 2018, but has decades of ageing potential.

EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU RIED KELLERBERG SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**95**

Powerful, citric and slightly smoky, yet quite austere with a firm core and lots of citrusy freshness. Several decades of ageing potential.

EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG SMARAGD 2015

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2015**

**Score**

**95**

Extraordinarily cool and minty for this opulent vintage with a wealth of lemony freshness and a surprisingly crisp acidity. Breathtakingly lively at the finish. Drink or hold.

EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG

SMARAGD 2015

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2015**

**Score**

**95**

Another very impressive and seriously concentrated grüner veltliner from Knoll with exotic fruit and herbal character as well as a great balance of richness and freshness. This needs time as it is only just opening up, but has at least a couple of decades of ageing potential ahead of it.

F.X. PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**95**

Still a little closed, but there's great yellow fruit aromas, a hint of floral honey and plenty of depth. Almost opulent, but with great freshness at the finish. Better from 2018 and will still impress in a couple of decades and probably beyond, too.

F.X. PICHLER GELBER MUSKATELLER WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG  
SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**95**

Maybe this isn't the wine to mature for a long time (the characteristic muscat aromas oxidize quickly), but this has a breathtaking combination of muscat and grapefruit aromas, very juicy fruit, then a super-crisp finish. Drink now.

F.X. PICHLER SAUVIGNON BLANC WACHAU GROSSE RESERVE 2015

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2015**

**Score**

**95**

Some butterscotch (from malolactic fermentation) in the nose, but also a candied lemon character. This has a wealth of depth and length. It needs until 2018 for the cassis and herbal character to unfold, but just wait until it does!

## HÖGL RIESLING WACHAU VISION SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**95**

What a rich and creamy dry riesling with a lot of concentration, but also a lovely acidity that carries the very long, complex (peach, citrus rind, spice and salt) finish. A stunning wine that is delicious now, but will easily age.

## JOSEF JAMEK GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED LIEBENBERG SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**95**

This is really salty and minerally with lots of dried pear and apple undertones. Smoky. Full body, layered and rich yet agile and vivid. Lingering finish. Drink now.

## RUDI PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU TERRASSEN SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**95**

Exotic aromas of sliced apple, pineapple and white peach. Some honeysuckle. Full body, tight and powerful with so much tension and acidity. Bone dry at the end. Unwavering style. Extremely fine for the blend. Drink now or hold.

DOMÄNE WACHAU RIESLING WACHAU KELLBERG  
TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE 2015

**Country**  
**Austria**  
**Region**  
**Danube**  
**Vintage**  
**2015**

**Score**  
**95**

A wealth of dried fruit character with plenty of raisins but also mango and apricot. A huge mouthful, but only moderately luscious for a wine of this kind. Lots of lovely spice at the dense finish. Drink now or hold.

EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED SCHÜTT SMARAGD 2016

**Country**  
**Austria**  
**Region**  
**Danube**  
**Vintage**  
**2016**

**Score**  
**94**

A rather closed bouquet, but on the palate there's great depth and concentration. Hints of apricot, grapefruit and dried herbs. A long, expansive and complex finish. Better from 2018, and then for many years to come.

NIKOLAIHOF RIESLING WACHAU VOM STEIN FEDERSPIEL 2016

**Country**  
**Austria**  
**Region**  
**Danube**  
**Vintage**  
**2016**

**Score**  
**94**

What a beautiful, delicate peachy nose! On the palate there's a grace and elegance that's rare in this category. A long, very mineral and clean finish. Drink or hold – this would go at least another decade in the bottle. Screw cap.



FRANZ HIRTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ROTES TOR  
SMARAGD 2016

**Country**  
Austria  
**Region**  
Danube  
**Vintage**  
2016

Score  
**94**

What an exotic nose of fresh mango and papaya! Rather lush on the mid-palate, but then comes the very fresh acidity and a mineral freshness at the long finish which makes you reach for the glass again. Drink or hold.

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER WEISSBURGUNDER WACHAU STEINPORZ SMARAGD 2016

**Country**  
Austria  
**Region**  
Danube  
**Vintage**  
2016

Score  
**94**

I love this rich and concentrated but lively dry white that has a wonderful elegance. Underneath the ripe pear and stone fruits aromas there's a hint of snow peas and this vegetal note adds to the tension that makes this wine so exciting. Drink or hold.

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER RIESLING WACHAU SETZBERG SMARAGD 2016

**Country**  
Austria  
**Region**  
Danube  
**Vintage**  
2016

Score  
**94**

A seriously austere wine, but also one with a great lemony intensity and some delicate baking spices. The combination of crisp acidity and "naked" minerality at the finish could be too much for some. Drink or hold.

## PRAGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ACHLEITEN SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**94**

Ripe yellow fruits with just a hint of white pepper that is like a transparent glaze over those. Rich in texture yet only medium-full bodied. Elegant acidity and a very long finish supported by discrete tannins. From vines planted in 1953. Drink or hold.

## PRAGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU WACHSTUM BODENSTEIN 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**94**

A daringly delicate and racy wine for this relatively low acidity grape with lots of herbal and some floral nuances. Perhaps it doesn't have quite the depth of Prager's two other Achleiten grüner veltliner Smaragds (these vines were planted in a high altitude part of the Achleiten in 1997), but it's totally distinctive. Drink or hold.

## PRAGER RIESLING WACHAU KLAUS SMARAGD 2003

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2003**

**Score**

**94**

This wine from the warmest ever year in the Wachau has a slight resinous touch on the nose, but with aeration some apricot fruit emerges. A rich wine, but neither fat nor too low in acidity. A long textural and rather lively finish. Drink or hold.

**EMMERICH KNOLL TRAMINER WACHAU LOIBNER SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**94**

Spicy and rich with plenty of body and alcohol. A rather delicate finish. This is a very elegant wine for this grape variety. Drink or hold.

**F.X. PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU DÜRNSTEINER SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**94**

Rippling with apricot, but still very young and lively, this is a dry riesling that could win over a chardonnay addict thanks to its ripeness, succulence and moderate acidity. A long, relatively supple finish. Better from 2018 and will mature for at least another 15 years.

**JOSEF JAMEK GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED ACHLEITEN**

**FEDERSPIEL 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**94**

A lively and complex nose with white pepper, mint and fresh herbal character. The palate is juicy and elegant. A very attractive wine with beautiful balance. The long, polished, mineral finish lifts well above the norm for this category. Drink now. Screw cap.

**JOSEF JAMEK GRÜNER VELTLINER WAGRAM RIED ACHLEITEN 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**94**

The white pepper and dried peach with citrus character dominates this wine yet it's fresh and dynamic with so much bright acidity buttressing everything. Lovely grapefruit at the finish. Drink now.

**DOMÄNE WACHAU RIESLING WACHAU SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**94**

Exotic and ripe style with dried peaches, lemon grass and green apple character. Full body, layered and very intense. Almost oily but turns energetic and vivid at the finish. Drink now.

**RUDI PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU RIED HOCHRAIN SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**94**

A dense and linear white with sliced apple, pear and lemon character. Rose blossom and honeysuckle undertones. Full body, dry and minerally. Drink and enjoy but made for ageing.

**RAINER WESS RIESLING WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG 2016**

**Country**  
**Austria**  
**Region**  
**Danube**  
**Vintage**  
**2016**

**Score**  
**94**

Lots of sliced apple, lemon rind and steel. Full body, layered and tangy with salt and dried citrus. Searing minerality. So long and intense. Drink now.

**HÖGL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU 1000 EIMERBERG SMARAGS 2016**

**Country**  
**Austria**  
**Region**  
**Danube**  
**Vintage**  
**2016**

**Score**  
**94**

A top grüner veltliner with lots of lemon, gun flint and smoke aromas. Full body, dried fruit and bright acidity. Vivid and lively. Grabs your attention. Drink or hold.

**JÄGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ACHLEITEN SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**  
**Austria**  
**Region**  
**Danube**  
**Vintage**  
**2016**

**Score**  
**94**

A very spiced nose with cinnamon, apple strudel, mangoes, papaya, cloves, grapefruit and some lychee. An oily and full palate but this is buttressed by pretty acidity and a fruit-forward, long finish. Marries power and beauty. Drink now or hold.

## NIKOLAIHOF RIESLING WACHAU VOM STEIN FEDERSPIEL 2008

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2008**

**Score**

**93**

Having spent seven years in large neutral oak casks, this wine has a dried apricot note rather than a fresh apricot aroma. Hints of citrus rind and straw, too. A long, silky finish in spite of lively acidity. Drink or hold.

## FRANZ HIRTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU KIRCHWEG

**SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**93**

A whole basket of yellow fruits ranging from grapefruit through fresh pineapple. Concentrated, but also very elegant with a long clean finish that is delicately mineral. Relatively new to the range, the first vintage having been 2009. Drink or hold.

## FRANZ HIRTZBERGER NEUBURGER WACHAU SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**93**

A rich, textural wine with a very complex nose that ranges from delicate floral notes to caramelized pear. There's a similar spectrum on the full, weighty palate. Soft acidity in this context, but that's the nature of the beast. Made from an indigenous Austrian grape. Drink or hold.

**FRANZ HIRTZBERGER RIESLING WACHAU STEINTERRASSEN FEDERSPIEL 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**93**

What an enchanting peachy nose! But there are also nuances of honeysuckle, mint and shiso leaf. A beautiful balance of ripe fruit, leafy freshness and mineral acidity on the palate. Everything fits beautifully at the super-clean finish. More than half of this comes from the great Singerriedel site. Drink or hold.

**EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KREUTLES**

**SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**93**

A lovely mirabelle nose with delicate herbal nuances. Plenty of elegance as well as good substance. A long, ripe finish with enough acidity to balance this generosity. Drink or hold.

**EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU RIED KELLERBERG SMARAGD 2015**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2015**

**Score**

**93**

A hint of white chocolate and caramel. Riper and more opulent than some of Knoll's other 2015 riesling Smaragds, but there's a lot of depth and restrained power. Drink now.

EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KREUTLES

SMARAGD 2015

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2015**

**Score**

**93**

With a lot of grapefruit and some mint, this is a very cool and rather delicate grüner veltliner for this opulent vintage. A crisp and elegant finish. Drink or hold.

WEINHOFMEISTEREI MATHIAS HIERTZBERGER RIESLING WACHAU KOLLMITZ

SMARAGD 2015

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2015**

**Score**

**93**

A complex nose of dried peach, mandarin orange, lemon zest and dried herbs pulls you into this rich and vibrant dry riesling. Good concentration and enough mineral freshness at the long finish to hold for at least a decade, if not longer.

F.X. PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU DÜRNSTEINER SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**93**

Plenty of apricot, ripe citrus, herbs and some white pepper character, then a medium-full body, moderate creaminess and an elegant acidity. An extremely appealing and quite complex grüner veltliner to drink now or hold.



**F.X. PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU RIED BURGSTALL FEDERSPIEL 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**93**

Almost dangerously fresh. A very mineral acidity and tart peach and delicate herbal aromas. Only medium-bodied, but with a ton of character and a super-crisp finish. Drink now or hold.

**HOLZAPFEL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ACHLEITEN SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**93**

Rich and succulent with some exotic fruit character and a crisp acidity for this grape. A long and rather creamy finish, but with enough liveliness to carry this extravagance. Drink now or hold.

**JOSEF JAMEK WEISSBURGUNDER WACHAU RIED HOCHRAIN SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**93**

An excellent dry pinot blanc with plenty of toasted nuts and candied citrus peel character and enough acidity to carry the rich and powerful body. The finish has real old-vine concentration. Drink or hold.

ALZINGER RIESLING WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**93**

The sliced lemon and green apple character with papaya are impressive. Full body, yet agile and energetic. Vivid fruit at the finish. Drink now.

HÖGL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU SCHÖN SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**93**

This is a dense yet lively grüner veltliner with dried lemon and sliced apple with papaya. Full body, bright acidity and a light phenolic tension that gives it form and intensity. Drink or hold.

MACHHERNDL RIESLING WACHAU RIED KOLLMÜTZ 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**93**

Fresh citrus, beeswax, preserved lemons and even some kiwi fruit, green apples and thyme. The palate is medium to full in body with some nice structure. Really vibrant acidity and a driven, umami finish. Drink now.

**DOMÄNE WACHAU GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ACHLEITEN SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**93**

Another grüner veltliner that combines apricot and peach character with citrus rind and fennel and then again with thyme. Medium to full body, bright acidity, so much fresh fruit and a long finish. Drink now.

**FRANZ HIRTZBERGER GRAUBURGUNDER WACHAU PLURIS SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

Just a hint of raisin-type aromas. A range of fruits from ripe pear through melon with a mango undertone. Enough acidity to carry this extravagance and to finish clean. Drink or hold.

**PRAGER RIESLING WACHAU STEINRIGL FEDERSPIEL 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

Cool white peach, apple and slightly smoky notes. A wealth of citrusy freshness and generous acidity gives this wine drive and energy, rather than making it tart. The finish is seriously minerally and bone-dry. Drink or hold.

EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED TRUM FEDERSPIEL 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

Rather closed with real concentration and structure. The finish is elegant and herbal. Better from 2018 and could hold for at least another decade.

EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU LOIBNER FEDERSPIEL 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

Cool and minty with delicate white peach fruit, this sleek dry Riesling has a lot of drive and a very clean finish. Drink or hold.

EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

Lush apricot fruit and a hint of cranberry on the nose, then a succulent and crisp palate. Good length if not that complex at the finish. Drink or hold.

WEINHOFMEISTEREI MATHIAS HIERTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU  
RIED KOLLMÜTZ SMARAGD 2016

**Country**  
Austria

**Region**  
Danube

**Vintage**  
2016

**Score**

**92**

With its rich mandarin orange, green bean and white peach nose this is quite a seductive wine. The balance of creamy richness and fresh acidity on the palate is very satisfying. Fair length for this category. Drink now.

WEINHOFMEISTEREI MATHIAS HIERTZBERGER RIESLING WACHAU RIED  
KOLLMITZ SMARAGD 2016

**Country**  
Austria

**Region**  
Danube

**Vintage**  
2016

**Score**

**92**

More citrusy and slightly less peachy than the 2015 vintage but this also has some interesting fresh herbal notes. An impressive dry riesling from young Mathias Hiertzberger that makes it clear he's someone to watch. Drink now or hold.

F.X. PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KLOSTERSATZ  
FEDERSPIEL 2016

**Country**  
Austria

**Region**  
Danube

**Vintage**  
2016

**Score**

**92**

A sleek and elegant grüner veltliner with a an effusive apple fruit and great mineral freshness at the finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

**MACHHERNDL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED STEINWAND SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

The smoky, celery and pepper character of this is intense, and although it's only medium-bodied there's some real power. Pear drops at the front, then dry and slightly austere at the long finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

**MACHHERNDL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KOLLMÜTZ 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

Lots of fennel and pepper, which along with the powerful, dry body makes a serious statement. Massive mineral depth at the long, slightly tannic finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

**DOMÄNE WACHAU GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU AXPOINT SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

Packed with tangerine and mango this has some serious ripeness and concentration. A big and rather weighty wine with extremely lively acidity at the finish. With a little more elegance it would rate even higher. Drink now or hold.

## MACHHERNDL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU FOR FRIENDS ONLY 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

With its grapefruit and earthy character this is an unusual and rather closed grüner veltliner that opens up slowly as it aerates. The finish is long and spicy and supported by some positive tannins. Better from 2018 and should age well. Screw cap.

## JÄGER RIESLING WACHAU ACHLEITEN FEDERSPIEL 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

Still quite funky and smoky (reduction), but this has a ton of youthful fruit character and is very racy. The finish is firm, lemony and mineral. Drink now or hold. Screw cap.

## HOLZAPFEL RIESLING WACHAU VORDERSEIBER SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

A big, weighty dry riesling with a lot of apricot and some mango character from seriously ripe grapes. Perhaps a little too much, as the finish is the least impressive part of the wine. Drink now.

**JOSEF JAMEK RIESLING WACHAU RIED PICHL FEDERSPIEL 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

Smoky with sliced apple and pear character on the nose and palate. Medium body, a solid core of fruit and bright acidity. Turns salty and very lively. Drink now. Screw cap.

**HÖGL RIESLING WACHAU BRUCK FEDERSPIEL 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

This has sliced apple, pear and lemon throughout. Medium to full body, hints of slate and white pepper. Dry and bright. Drink now. Screw cap.

**ALZINGER RIESLING WACHAU STEINERTAL SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

The green peach and lemon grass character are very pronounced. Hints of salt and fresh herb. Medium to full body, bright acidity and a flavorful finish. Drink now.



**JÄGER RIESLING WACHAU STEINRIEGL SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

A tangy and fresh white with intense lemon rind and green apple character. Full body, tart and salty. Seriously flavorful. Extreme style but I like the energy. Drink now.

**JÄGER RIESLING WACHAU ACHLEITEN SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

A very salty and mineral white with extreme citrus undertones such as grapefruit and lemon rind. Full body, bright and vivid. Energetic. Drink now.

**RUDI PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU TERRASSEN SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

The white salt and dried white peach is very exciting here. Medium to full body, bright acidity and a fruity finish. Bone dry. Drink now.

**ALZINGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED LIEBENBERG SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

Lots of daffodils and lemon aromas with a hint of jasmine. Full body, dry and spicy with licorice, flint and stone undertones alongside the dried white peach. Drink now or hold.

**HÖGL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU G&G DÜRNSTEINER KAISERBERG 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

Wonderful ripe pineapple and peach character with hints of mangoes. Lemon undertones. Full body, layered and fruity. Juicy. Phenolic tension. Drink now.

**RUDI PICHLER WEISSBURGUNDER WACHAU RIED KOLLMÜTZ SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

The nose here shows reduction but is so pretty already with pear drops, blossom and apples but also hints of minerals and preserved lemons. Textured and dense but with fresh acidity and a tangy finish. Drink now.

## DOMÄNE WACHAU RIESLING WACHAU SINGERRIEDEL SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

Yellow apples, apricots, honeysuckle, pink grapefruit and jasmine make for a very floral nose. The palate is vivacious if medium-bodied and goes on the attack from the outset with plenty of acidity, tangy dried fruit and a medium to long finish. Drink now.

## MACHHERNDL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU SEELENKRÄUTEL 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**92**

Preserved lemons, coriander, thyme, sea salt, loquat, some peach pit and white pepper. Medium-bodied with vibrant acidity, some structured mouthfeel and a fruity finish. Drink now.

## NIKOLAIHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU IM WEINGEBIRGE SMARAGD 2014

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2014**

**Score**

**92**

After one and half years in oak and bottling with minimal sulfur, this is a fairly oxidative wine, but it has great texture and surprising richness given the moderate 12.5% alcohol. The cloves and cinnamon notes are very striking. Drink or hold.

## NIKOLAIHOF WHITE CUVÉE WACHAU ELISABITH 2015

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2015**

**Score**

**92**

Rather mature and mellow this has plenty of pear fruit and good depth. Lively in spite of the modest acidity. Drink now with an elegant fish dish.

## NIKOLAIHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ZWICKL 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**91**

If you shake the bottle of this unfiltered wine before serving it really does something for the wine, the yeast adding freshness in the nose and some creaminess to the palate. The finish is clean and elegant. No hint of oxidation or anything funky, this is just a delicious glass of light, dry white. Drink now if you can find it. Screw cap.

## NIKOLAIHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU IM WEINGEBIRGE FEDERSPIEL 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Niederosterreich**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**91**

The quince nose of this wine is very different to any other grüner veltliner out there. This is also sleek and crisp with a seriously mineral finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

## NIKOLAIHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU IM WEINGEBIRGE FEDERSPIEL 2010

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Niederosterreich**

**Vintage**

**2010**

**Score**

**91**

After almost seven years of ageing in large neutral oak this has plenty of mellow and mature aromas of the kind older Krug champagnes have, yet it is still very much alive. The crisp finish is long and straight. Drink or hold.

## NIKOLAIHOF NEUBURGER WACHAU NEUBURGER 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**91**

The only wine from an indigenous Austrian variety tastes very Burgundian, meaning rich and subtly textural. A few grams of unfermented sweetness accentuate this. I love the creamy finish. Drink or hold.

## NIKOLAIHOF CHARDONNAY WACHAU 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**91**

This chardonnay is far removed from 99.9% of the other chardonnays on Planet Wine, including the unoaked ones. A very fresh wine with intense lemon and fresh nut aromas. Medium-full bodied with a long, clean and spicy mineral finish. Drink now or hold.

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ROTES TOR  
FEDERSPIEL 2016

**Country**  
Austria  
**Region**  
Danube  
**Vintage**  
2016

**Score**  
**91**

As usual for Hirtzberger this is super-clean with lively summer meadow, grapefruit and white pepper character. On the palate there's an almost ideal balance of moderate substance, a hint of creaminess and a crisp acidity for this medium-bodied category. Not a single-vineyard wine although the name suggests that. Drink or hold.

PRAGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU HINTER DER BURG FEDERSPIEL 2016

**Country**  
Austria  
**Region**  
Danube  
**Vintage**  
2016

**Score**  
**91**

A vibrant herbal and white pepper nose. This is a sleek and racy grüner veltliner with an appley acidity at the crisp, long finish. Drink now.

EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KREUTLES  
FEDERSPIEL 2016

**Country**  
Austria  
**Region**  
Danube  
**Vintage**  
2016

**Score**  
**91**

Intensely herbal with a hint of licorice this is a very distinctive mid-weight wine with a lot more depth than the regular grüner veltliner Federspiel. Drink or hold.

**EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU FEDERSPIEL 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**91**

Delicate peachy character and a bright, lemony acidity make this a very attractive wine, with a crisp, rather long finish. Drink or hold.

**WEINHOFMEISTEREI MATHIAS HIERTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU  
KOLLMÜTZ SMARAGD 2015**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2015**

**Score**

**91**

The overripe apricot and mango aromas are quite extreme, but the rich body with some butter-caramel character (malolactic fermentation?) is striking and the finish is clean enough for the wine to work well with rich, savory food. Drink now.

**F.X. PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU LOIBNER FEDERSPIEL 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**91**

Attractive ripe apple, white pepper and fresh herbs character. Juicy, but only medium-bodied with a finish that's fresh and elegant. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

## HÖGL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU SCHÖN FEDERSPIEL 2016

**Country**  
Austria  
**Region**  
Danube  
**Vintage**  
2016

**Score**  
**91**

A rich and slightly oily grüner veltliner, but good structure lies behind that. The finish is long, bold and rather mineral. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

## JÄGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU SELECTION FEDERSPIEL 2016

**Country**  
Austria  
**Region**  
Danube  
**Vintage**  
2016

**Score**  
**91**

Quite a highly structured and austere wine, but with a delicate nose of fennel seed and a garden after rain. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

## HOLZAPFEL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ZEHENTHOF FEDERSPIEL 2016

**Country**  
Austria  
**Region**  
Danube  
**Vintage**  
2016

**Score**  
**91**

A very youthful pear and citrus nose follows through to an extremely crisp, clean palate. The finish just a little lean. Drink or hold. Screw cap.



**DOMÄNE WACHAU RIESLING WACHAU BRÜCKFEDERSPIEL 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**91**

An intense bouquet of wild herbs and lime that's far removed from the riesling norm. Cool and rather powerful yet quite tart this is a challenging wine but it has a lot of character. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

**ALZINGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**91**

A more subtle white with dried peach and apple character. Medium body, good fruit and a fresh finish. Drink now.

**ALZINGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED STEINERTAL 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**91**

This is a white with smoke, slate and gunflint aromas and flavors. Medium body, bright acidity and a clean and bright finish. Drink now.

## ALZINGER RIESLING WACHAU HÖHERECK SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**91**

The nose is quite reductive. Aromas of apple tart, pears, riverbed and chamomile. Medium-bodied with fresh acidity and a fruity finish. Very approachable now. Drink and enjoy.

## DOMÄNE WACHAU RIESLING WACHAU KELLERBERG SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**91**

The nose here is punctuated by apples, pears, cherry blossom, mangoes and papaya. Full and rich but supported by pretty acidity and a fruit-forward finish. Drink now.

## HÖGL RIESLING WACHAU BRUCK SMARAGD 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**91**

The nose is quite reserved with dried citrus rind, herbs, lime cordial and hints of limestone. The palate is very full though with tons of dried apricots and peaches and fairly high acidity. Long, fruit-forward finish. Impressive if a little flamboyant. Drink now. Screw cap.

NIKOLAIHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU HEFEABZUG 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**90**

Very leesy, but that's what this wine is all about as well as the apple freshness of grüner veltliner when it is picked early enough that it gives a genuinely light, dry white. Drink now. Screw cap.

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU DONAUGARTEN

STEINFEDER 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**90**

Very attractive bright lemon and yellow grapefruit aromas. Light and sleek with crisp, but not dominant, acidity. Drink now.

EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU LOIBNER FEDERSPIEL 2016

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**90**

Plenty of almond and herbal character in this mid-weight bone-dry wine. A long, crisp finish. Drink or hold.

WEINHOFMEISTEREI MATHIAS HIERTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU  
TREU FEDERSPIEL 2016

**Country**  
Austria  
**Region**  
Danube  
**Vintage**  
2016

**Score**  
**90**

Quite a full body and mild acidity for a 2016 grüner veltliner. Supple texture and restrained citrusy fruit make this an excellent all-round food wine. Drink now or hold.

JÄGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED VORDER SEIBER FEDERSPIEL 2016

**Country**  
Austria  
**Region**  
Danube  
**Vintage**  
2016

**Score**  
**90**

Quite a rich and textural grüner veltliner with ripe stone fruit and some floral notes. With more vibrancy this would rate higher. Drink now.

DOMÄNE WACHAU GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU LIEBENBERG  
FEDERSPIEL 2016

**Country**  
Austria  
**Region**  
Danube  
**Vintage**  
2016

**Score**  
**90**

Ripe, citrusy aromas, generous body and a good harmony make this easy to like. Lacks the vitality and character at the finish for a higher score. Drink now. Screw cap.

**JÄGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KLAUS FEDERSPIEL 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**90**

Quite a ripe grüner veltliner with celery and dried herb notes. A lightly austere finish that is slightly phenolic. Drink now. Screw cap.

**JÄGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU STEINFEDER 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**90**

Attractive spring meadow character with some bright apple fruit. A very fresh finish that may be too tart for some. Drink now. Screw cap.

**DOMÄNE WACHAU GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ACHLEITEN SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**90**

Very herbal and vibrant, the only problem with this wine is the touch of sweetness. But it has crisp acidity and therefore rather an uplifting finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

**MACHHERNDL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU KOLLMITZ 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**90**

Preserved lemons, limes, beeswax, jasmine and green apples. Medium to full body and lots of texture and density, but a fine line of acidity just about pulls everything together. Drink now. Screw cap.

**HOLZAPFEL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ACHLEITEN FEDERSPIEL 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**90**

Lots of loquat, spicy apples, cinnamon, apricots and papaya. A medium to full-bodied, oily palate with medium acidity and a fruity finish. Drink now. Screw cap.

**WEINHOFMEISTEREI MATHIAS HIERTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU**

**SPITALER SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**89**

A rather big and fleshy wine with quite some alcohol showing and just enough acidity to carry the full body. Drink now.

**DOMÄNE WACHAU GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU SMARAGD KELLERBERG 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**89**

Quite a rich and slightly oily grüner veltliner with plenty of substance but barely enough freshness to carry the full body. Hints of marzipan. Is this bottle representative of the wine? Drink now.

**HOLZAPFEL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU KOLLMITZ SMARAGD 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**89**

This grüner veltliner is more in the apple spectrum with rose petals and blossom. Light to medium body, medium acidity and a fruity finish. Lacks slightly in depth and elegance. Drink now.

**JOSEF JAMEK RIESLING WACHAU RIED KLAUS FEDERSPIEL 2016**

**Country**

**Austria**

**Region**

**Danube**

**Vintage**

**2016**

**Score**

**89**

A riesling that shows apples, pear drops, blossom and green apples. Medium-bodied with medium acidity and a fruity finish. A little short and flat. Drink now. Screw cap.

EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU STEINFEDER 2016

Country

Austria

Region

Danube

Vintage

2016

Score

**88**

Summer meadow and yellow apple aromas. Great balance, but very light. A crisp finish. Drink now.

HOLZAPFEL RIESLING WACHAU FEDERSPIEL 2016

Country

Austria

Region

Danube

Vintage

2016

Score

**87**

A little lean with some sliced green apple and stone with a marizpan undertone. Medium body. Drink now. Screw cap.