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2022 Prellenkirchen Samt&Seide



Site & soil

Grapes for the Ortswein Prellenkirchen, Samt&Seide were selectively harvested from a total of twenty separate parcels, all of which are located on the southern slope of the Spitzerberg, in the vineyards Spitzer, Roterd, Panhölzer, Holzweingärten & Kranzen. Blaufränkisch vines between fifteen & thirty-five years old supplied the grapes for this wine, in which the older plants are responsible for the Seide (silk) & the younger vines provide the Samt (velvet). What they all have in common is their precise expression of the limestone soil, the refined berry aromas & refreshing structural acidity.

Harvest & vinification

The clusters are harvested by hand, and any overripe berry is meticulously removed. In the cellar, the grapes are lightly crushed and macerated in part with the stems in open fermentation vats. This extraction is very gentle and occurs completely without pumping, and fermentation begins after a few days thanks to the wild yeasts. The spontaneous fermentation proceeds very slowly and at room temperature; the must is neither heated nor cooled. This guarantees wines that are very precise & aromatic. A portion of the clusters are trodden by foot. After approximately twenty days, the wine is pressed and then matured in 1000-litre wooden casks and 3000-litre wooden fermentation vats. No new wood is utilised, in order to avoid masking the fine fruit of the Blaufränkisch. During the approximately twenty months of maturation, the wine is racked only once and ultimately bottled without filtration.

Vintage 2022

2022 war an extremely dry and hot summer, that challenged the vines. Ours, thanks god, are used to challenging conditions on the dry and poor soil of Spitzerberg, and that is why they brought stunning results in this vintage. The wine is balances with 13% alscohol, shows a precise fruitiness of red fruits, a refreshing acidity, velvety tannins and a wonderful silky, long finish. A wine with eternal potential to mature.

Basic Information

VARIETIES	Blaufränkisch
ALCOHOL	13
RESIDUAL SUGAR	1
TARTARIC ACID	5,5
BOTTLES	12.000

Ratings

ROBERT PARKER WINE ADVOCATE	91+
JAMES SUCKLING	93