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2020 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 2020

The winter was mild and long, the spring long and very dry. When eventually the rain came, it was strong and intense in short time. The summer was very pleasant, less hot and dry than in the years before and we had some tiny rains now and then, that were very enjoyable for the vines. Harvest took place in mid to end september with calm and dry weather. When the heavy autumn rains came, picking was finished in Carnuntum

2020 is a wonderfully elegant vintage, less powerful than 2018 or 2019, but marked by wonderful charming elegance and freshness.

Basic Information

VARIETIES	Blaufränkisch 100%
ALCOHOL	13%
RESIDUAL SUGAR	1,1 g
TARTARIC ACID	5,7g
BOTTLES	10.000

Ratings

JAMES SUCKLING	93
GAULT&MILLAU	17,5
WEIN.PLUS	88
A LA CARTE	93+