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## Riesling, >S< 2022

**Country of origin:** Austria

**Growing area:** Niederösterreich

**Village:** Fels am Wagram



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**Appellation:** “Schillingsberg” vineyard is situated along lowest terraces of Wagram hillside with an altitude between 200 and 220m above sea. Age of vines about 25 years.

**Type of soil:** Conglomerate soils were built by the former riverbed of Danube, gravelly, high content in ferric oxide (red gravel), slightly covered with some Loess layers.

**Viticulture:** Our goal is sustainable viticulture! We do not use herbicides for 25 years, have banned insecticides since a decade now from our vineyards and plant protection follows organic standards with bio certification from 2021. Due to the advantage of Loess terroir, we don't need to irrigate vines, green covering of the soil keeps it healthy and requires no fertilizers. Harvesting is only done by hand with strictly grape selection, only the best fruit is used for our top wines.

**Winemaking:** The juice from highly ripe and late harvested grapes are starting their fermentation with natural yeast. This very slowly running process offers a good chance to produce a Riesling with some sweetness. Towards end of the fermentation the wine is cooled down close to freezing point and a portion of SO<sub>2</sub> is added in order to stop fermentation. For stabilization reasons immediately filtered and bottled rather soon to protect fresh fruit flavour.

**Analysis:** Alc. 9% vol. res. sugar 71 g/l acidity 7.3 g/l

**Tasting notes:** Very ripe stone fruit appearance, with hints of herbs and spices, mineral background; sensual and seductive on the palate, fruity and rich. Stimulating interaction of sweetness and racy acidity, rather light in alcohol. Unconventional for Austrian Riesling style but incredibly animating and pure drinking pleasure!

**Ageing potential:** One year of bottle aging will help aromas developing, potential for 8-10 years.