

# Johann Donabaum, 'Johann' Federspiel, Wachau, Grüner Veltliner 2023



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## Producer Note

The young, dynamic and modest Johann has been making elegant, defined and terroir-driven wines for 25 years and has carved out a formidable reputation - his wines are always in high demand. His two hectares of family-owned vineyards cling to the precipitous, schistous slopes of the Spitzer Valley. Johann cultivates sustainably and holds the Vinea Wachau sustainable certification. He manages the vineyards to give incredibly low yields and his production is miniscule, but despite this, his prices remain really competitive. Many wineries in Austria pick with a proportion of Botrytis-affected grapes to add sweetness, but Johann believes this distracts from the exceptional terroir he has. His wines age incredibly well, and his multi award-winning wines and rave reviews attest to his methods and approach.

## Vineyard

The Grüner Veltliner vines are grown in the Wachau, the most prestigious viticultural area in Austria. The vineyard is located on the steep terraces of the Spitzer Valley with proximity to the Danube. The temperature variation in the valley, with warmer days and cooler nights, has a significant role to play in the ripening of the berries. These diurnal temperature differences result in concentrated fruit, with naturally high balancing acidity. The vines are grown in Gneiss soils, made up of schist and granite with a high mineral content. The yields are kept low at 25 hectolitres per hectare and hand selected bunches are harvested at optimal ripeness.

## Winemaking

100% of the fermentation took place in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks, with a minimal use of sulphur, in order to create a wine which ultimately expresses the terroir. A natural slight CO<sub>2</sub> remained in the wine to lift and freshen the palate. 'Federspiel' denotes that the wine has been made in the classic style, fresh and mineral, with a maximum of four grams of residual sugar.

## Tasting Note

A fabulous, concentrated wine with apple and lime characters combined with white pepper, cardamom and spicy minerality. Balanced and refreshing.

## Grape

Grüner Veltliner 100%



Winemaker:	Johann Donabaum
Region:	Lower Austria
Sub region:	Wachau
Country:	Austria
Alcohol:	12%
Dry/Sweet value:	1 (1 is dry, 7 is very sweet)
Residual Sugar:	1
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/Yes
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic:	No
Biodynamic:	No
Product Code:	4881323A
Case unit of measure:	6X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Screwcap