

# Leutschach Chardonnay 2019

## Ortswein, Südsteiermark<sup>DAC</sup>

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<b>Grape variety:</b>	<b>Chardonnay</b>
<b>Vintage:</b>	2019
<b>Awards:</b>	<b>93 FALSTAFF points, 16,5 GAULT MILLAU points</b>
<b>Alcohol content:</b>	12.5%vol
<b>Total acid:</b>	5.8g/l
<b>Residual sugar:</b>	1.1g/l
<b>Vinification:</b>	<b>harvested by hand, spontaneously fermented with natural yeasts</b>
<b>Maturation:</b>	11 months in traditional, large, wooden oak casks
<b>Drinking maturity:</b>	5 years and longer
<b>Bottle closure:</b>	screw cap
<b>Certification:</b>	<b>Organic, Sustainable Austria</b>
<b>Categorisation:</b>	<b>Ortswein (Village Wine) / Südsteiermark<sup>DAC</sup></b>
<b>Wine-growing area:</b>	Leutschach a.d.W.
<b>Wine-growing region:</b>	<b>Southern Styria</b>
<b>Description of the wine:</b>	floral aromas of hop blossoms and lime blossoms; fresh mountain herbs, grated pistachios, smooth texture with a polished finish, amazing drinking flow; a great village wine reflecting its origin
<b>Food recommendation:</b>	thickened soups, all different kinds of pumpkin dishes, mushroom dishes, chanterelles, liver, grilled veal and grilled beef, well-seasoned roast pork, veal sweetbreads, seafood, crustaceans



**Categorisation:** Our "Leutschach Chardonnay" is **representative of the terroir of our home village** Leutschach a.d.W. – this is characterised by the typical wine taste of the wine-growing area as well as by the therefore related name of the wine.

Village wines demonstrate different characteristics due to their vineyard-location/-orientation, sea level and soil conditions - these components affect the aroma and the typicity of these wines. **Different regions mean variously climatic and geological circumstances effecting various wines.** Therefore, the wine refers to the wine-growing area and this is further the reason for using the name "Leutschach" on the bottle label. Village Wines are allowed to be offered for sale at the earliest on 1st of May after 6 months of maturation. In our case, Village Wines remains much longer in the barrels and are offered for sale at the earliest after 11 months of maturation, as well as our Premier Cru STK wines.

**Wine-growing area:** Our Leutschach Chardonnay wines **grow in various vineyards** within our home village.

**Climate:** The climate in Leutschach is characterised by moderate rainfall, it is **warm and mostly free of fog**. The climatic conditions in this area are also influenced by cold, sloping winds from the western Koralpe Mountains, causing cool nights. These cool nights effect high temperature differences between day and night and this fact encourages fruity wine varieties.

**Soil:** Leutschach is located within the southwestern Styrian sea basin. Approximately 16 million years ago some 1000 meters of mighty marine sediments accumulated. Geologists describe these fine marine sediments as "**Leutschacher Schlier**". It consists of chalky fine-sandy, mostly green-greyish **marl clay** or argillaceous schist with deposits of sand. These chalky marl soils are called "Opok".



***Geprägt durch den herkunftsorientierten Geschmack –  
Botschafter des Terroirs unserer Heimatgemeinde.***

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