Ried Pössnitzberger Kapelle I Chardonnay 2020

Große STK Ried, Südsteiermark[DAC]

Single Vineyard Pössnitzberger Kapelle I Chardonnay 2020

Grand Cru STK, Südsteiermark[DAC]



Grape variety:	**Chardonnay**
Vintage:	2020
Awards:	**98 FALSTAFF, 98+ A LA CARTE points**
Alcohol content:	13.0%vol
Total acid:	5.5g/l
Residual suggar:	0.8g/l
Vinification:	**harvested by hand, traditionally fermented with natural yeasts**
Maturation:	36 months in small oak barrels
Drinking maturity:	15 years and longer
Bottle closure:	nature cork/organic cork, sorted by hand, sealed with wax
Certification:	**Organic**, Sustainable Austria
Categorisation:	**Große STK Ried (Grand Cru STK)** / Südsteiermark[DAC]
Wine-growing area/ single vineyard :	**Single Vineyard Pössnitzberger Kapelle I**
Local orientation:	a south-facing site forming a basin with an average inclination of 50%
Sea level:	420m–460m
Wine-growing region:	**Southern Styria**
Description of the wine:	elegant aromas, salty sea breeze, verbena, endlessly numerous facets, puristic but restrained wood flavour; very delicate on the palate, the acid is perfect embedded in the delicate extract; light lemon aroma, finely resinous spices, flavours of chalk and flintstone; silky structure, enormous length with a very high potential – pure harmony
Food recommendation:	bread crumbed porcini mushrooms, morel and truffle dishes, goes well with hearty meat dishes (Mediterranean and Asian style), ossobuco, braised dishes, lamb, ragout, game dishes (deer, wild boar), St. Martin´s Day goose, goose liver





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Categorisation: The single vineyards from Pössnitzberg are predestined as a **great white wine terroir.** Due to the interaction of the soil structure and of the climatic factors the single vineyards there are unique. These Chardonnay wines are very authentic. **The grapes for "Single Vineyard Pössnitzberger Kapelle I Chardonnay" are from a special vineyard on the Pössnitzberg, a vineyard with a small, old chapel – ("Kapelle" means chapel).** In the sixties, Karl Rengo, the former landowner of this special vineyard already named his wines "Pössnitzberger Kapelle". This wine from the Single Vineyard Pössnitzberger Kapelle I, one of our rarities, is delicately mineral, very salty on the palate, shows a tight structure and a high aging potential. The harvest yield is limited to a maximum of 45 hectolitres. As a rarity, this wine is allowed to be offered for sale at the earliest on the 1st of May after 30 months of maturation.

Wine-growing area/ single vineyard: Steepness and extremely chalky soils account for grand, deep terroir wines - laborious and intensive manual work provided. The single vineyards on Pössnitzberg are the **most southern single vineyards in Styria** and are very important for our winery. This vineyard is exclusively cultivated by Erwin Sabathi – therefore **a monopole vineyard.** In the fifties our grandfather Johann Sabathi recognised the potential of the site Pössnitzberg and acquired the first core of this precious vineyard. This extremely steep and rocky single vineyard benefits from partly very old vines and deep roots. Due to an inclination of 75% this vineyard needs to be cultivated almost by hand.

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Climate: Due to the kettle-shaped exposure, this is the hottest vineyard on the Pössnitzberg. Therefore, the grapes for Ried Pössnitzberger Kapelle I grow on the **warmest parcel on the Pössnitzberg.**

Soil: Pössnitzberg is located on the southern part of the "West Styrian Bay" of the Styrian Basin. In former times (in the Neogene), several 1000 meter thick marine sediments have been deposited there. These deposits, also called "Steirischer Schlier", are clayey up to fine sandy, gray-green coloured marls including plant fossils and sandstone interstratifications. These scarce and very chalky soils, called **"Opok" (chalky marl),** are characterised by a humous topsoil formed by weathering, which often does not exceed a height of 20 centimeters, and firm sedimentary rocks. **The soil of the Single Vineyard Pössnitzberger Kapelle I is rather poor and less deep compared to the rest of the vineyards on the Pössnitzberg.**

„… der grandiose Chardonnay Ried Pössnitzberger Kapelle, der rarste Wein in Sabathis Angebot. Die Suche lohnt sich: Noch >>mehr<< Chardonnay hat die Alpenrepublik aktuell nicht zu bieten." (Peter Moser)

"… the grandiose `Single Vineyard Pössnitzberger Kapelle Chardonnay' is found, which is the rarest wine of the Erwin Sabathi Winery. This search is worthwhile: >> more << Chardonnay can´t be severed at present in Austria."
(Peter Moser)

„Neue Steiermark Legende…
Um ihn gebührend zu vergleichen ist eine Wortverbindung oder die Solonennung des Worts „Montrachet" absolut zutreffend. Eine neue Steiermark Legende, welche in jedem Weinfreak eine unhaltbare Begehrlichkeit weckt, wenn er ihn verkosten darf. Für mich war er zum Niederknien!" (René Gabriel)

„New Styria Legend …
To compare it duly, a word association or solo naming of the word „Montrachet" is absolutely appropriate. A new Styrian legend, which awakens an unstoppable desire in every wine freak when he is allowed to taste it. For me it was to kneel down!" (René Gabriel)

„Montrachet-Killer
wird der Wein manchmal genannt, weil er in Blindproben mehrfach
berühmte französische Burgunder aus dem Feld geschlagen hat…" (Jens Priewe – Der Feinschmecker)

„Montrachet-Killer
The wine is called Montrachet killer, because this wine
has knocked out famous French Burgundies in blind tastings…" (Jens Priewe – Der Feinschmecker)

„…Ein Montrachet der Steiermark.
Einer der besten Weine der Verkostung. Großartig." (Guiseppe Lauria – Weinwisser)

„… A Montrachet of Styria.
One of the best wines of the tasting. Great." (Guiseppe Lauria – Weinwisser)

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