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Ried Pössnitzberger Sorgenbrecher® Sauvignon Blanc 2015

Große STK Ried

Single Vineyard Pössnitzberger Sorgenbrecher Sauvignon Blanc 2015

Grand Cru STK

Grape variety:	**Sauvignon Blanc**
Vintage:	2015
Awards:	**96/100 FINETASTING points**
Alcohol content:	13.5%vol
Total acid:	5.2g/l
Residual suggar:	0.7g/l
Vinification:	**harvested by hand, spontaneously fermented with natural yeasts**
Maturation:	30 months in small oak barrels
Drinking maturity:	15 years and longer
Bottle closure:	nature cork, sorted by hand, sealed with wax
Categorisation:	**Große STK Ried (Grand Cru STK)**
Wine-growing area/ single vineyard :	**Pössnitzberg**
Local orientation:	a south-facing site forming a basin with an average inclination of 50%
Sea level:	470m–505m
Wine-growing region:	**Southern Styria**
Description of the wine:	a hint of limes, gooseberries, lime blossoms, white nectarines, wide aroma spectrum; very juicy on the palate, elegant flavour, enormous length; equipped with an endless aging potential
Food recommendation:	smoked trout, warm char, goose or duck, game dishes, braised dishes of beef (oxtail, special meat of beef shoulder), steak

Bottle label used by our grandfather Johann Sabathi

Categorisation: The Single Vineyard Pössnitzberg is predestined as a **great white wine terroir.** Due to the interaction of the soil structure and of the climatic factors this single vineyard is unique. These Sauvignon Blanc wines are very authentic. Our wines from Pössnitzberg, classified as "Große STK Ried" (Grand Cru STK site), are delicately mineral, very salty on the palate and show a tight structure and high ageing potential. The harvest yield is limited to a maximum of 45 hectolitres. Grand Cru STK wines are allowed to be offered for sale at the earliest on the 1st of May after 18 months of maturation. **The name "Sorgenbrecher" refers to the history of our winery,** mentioned on the bottom of this data sheet. (The meaning of "Sorgenbrecher" is "to cut down worries").

Wine-growing area/ single vineyard: Steepness and extremely chalky soils account for grand, deep terroir wines - laborious and intensive manual work provided. The Single Vineyard Pössnitzberg is the **most southern single vineyard in Styria** and is very important for our winery. 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.

Climate: Warm winds coming up from Slovenian valleys meet cool air streams from the Koralpe Mountains in the west. These **extreme temperature differences** cause a spicy and multi-faceted aroma spectrum.

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Soil: From the geological point of view the Pössnitzberg 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 "Styrian Schlier". It consists of chalky fine-sandy, mostly green-greyish marl clay or argillaceous schist with deposits of sand, fossils of leaves and gloss carbon residues. **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.**

„Der Pössnitzberger Sorgenbrecher ist eine Hommage an meinen Großvater Johann Sabathi. Dieser erkannte und förderte bereits in den 50er-Jahren die Besonderheit des Pössnitzberges. Schon damals füllte er seine besten Weine unter der Bezeichnung ‚Pössnitzberger Sorgenbrecher' ab.
Zusätzlich ist dieser Wein meinem Urgroßvater Johann Sabathi zu seinem 100. Todesjahr gewidmet, welcher 1915 im Ersten Weltkrieg sehr jung sein Leben lassen musste." (Erwin Sabathi)

"The Pössnitzberger Sorgenbrecher is a homage to my grandfather Johann Sabathi.
In the fifties he recognised and supported the high potential of Pössnitzberg. At that time he already named his best wines 'Pössnitzberger Sorgenbrecher'.
In addition, this wine is also in memory of the 100th death anniversary of my great-grandfather Johann Sabathi. He died very young in the First World War in 1915." (Erwin Sabathi)

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