



WEINGUT HEINRICH HARTL

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Pinot Noir Ried Graf Weingartl 2014

Ried

When the term “Ried” appears before a geographic designation on a label of Austrian wine, the grapes have come from a legally defined single vineyard site. According to the Austrian Wine Law, wines with a vineyard designation must bear the word “Ried” on the label before the name of the vineyard.

Site, Vineyard and Soil

Ried Graf Weingartl (sub-site of Ried Kräutergarten) in Oberwaltersdorf, deep alluvial soils covered by a heavy layer of black soil; subsoil of limestony gravel.

Description

Our single-vineyard Pinot Noir has a dark brick red colour with a broad meniscus and light garnet tones toward the edge. ‘Graf Weingartl’ offers Pinot power on the nose as we think it should be: Lots of ripe raspberries, wild strawberries, sous-bois, cedar and a salty whiff of pine. The palate adds both a mild herbal and a peppery component to the berry-driven character, accompanied by a firm acidity that is very slightly cushioned by the wine’s fruit. The arc of flavours on the palate develops into roasted coffee notes with a bit of caraway seed, which creates complexity. We love the long, red-fruity finish. Nonetheless, this Pinot Noir demands patience, and asks for a bit of time. It will bring you lots of joy if you store it in your cellar a bit, and open it a little before serving, but have it slightly chilled.

And a bit of information:

One could say that the Hartl estate was a ‘Graf-house’ (a noble house, Graf = earl), before Heinrich Hartl I married into it – although in truth, the owners’ family name was Graf. The parcel of land upon which our premier cru now stands has been planted to grape vines as far back as the Hartls can remember. And at some point, the site’s potential for Pinot Noir was discovered, to our great benefit today. The ‘Graf Weingartl’ represents the core of our estate and stands truly close to our hearts. A great deal of passion flows into this wine, which was first vinified as a single vineyard bottling in 2007.



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6 bl/cs layer: 15 cases pallet: 90 cases



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Food pairing

Lamb cutlets with creamy rosemary polenta, venison with grilled asparagus, sirloin of veal with morels and puréed celery.

Serving temperature

16–18° C (60–65°F)

Cellaring potential

until 2029

Time of harvesting

From the beginning to the end of October 2014

Vinification

Extremely selective hand harvesting. 70% destemmed and crushed, 30% whole berries. Eight days cold maceration at 5°C; spontaneous fermentation, pressed after seventeen days fermenting. 100% maturation in barriques, of which 50% were new and the rest used. Thirty months ageing in cask. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in September 2017.

Acidity 5.3 g/l **Alcohol** 13.3 % Vol. **Residual Sugar** 1.9 g/l

Awards and honors

Vintage 2011: Bronze, Decanter World Wine Awards 2014
Accepted for the SALON Österreich Wine 2014
Vintage 2009: Accepted for the SALON Österreich Wine 2012
Vintage 2008: SALON Champion – SALON Österreich Wine 2011
Vintage 2007: SALON Champion – SALON Österreich Wine 2010

WINE ENTHUSIAST

93 POINTS –03/2018, Pinot Noir Ried Graf Weingartl 2014

94 POINTS –09/2017, Pinot Noir Ried Graf Weingartl 2013

An earthy, oakleaf note signals a true expression of Pinot Noir. There is something sleek, fluid and authentic about this. The wine accents cherry and forest berry as much as the autumnal notions of spice, fallen leaves and earth. It's elegant and honest, with a firm yet relenting structure and lasting flavors. **Anne Krebiehl, MW**

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Medium ruby with purple highlights and a broad transparent rim. Ripe cherry fruit and dark berries are found over a background of delicate floral nuances reminiscent of rose petals. Sweet fruit is harmoniously framed in juicy acidity, minerals, and well-integrated tannins. Youthful red berries linger long on the finish of this wonderfully balanced wine.

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