

# VDP.GROSSE LAGE KIRCHENSTÜCK RIESLING 2023

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Cool, elegant and flinty, the finely nuanced stone fruit slowly emerging as the wine aerates in the glass. A touch of toasty lees character. I love the interplay of detailed minerality, delicate stone fruit character and racy acidity on the focused, medium-bodied palate. Very long and filigreed finish that doesn't want to let go of you, and you don't want to let go of

### JAMES SUCKLING, STUART PIGOTT

The 2023 Riesling Hohen-Sülzener Kirchenstück Grosses Gewächs was picked next to the winery, on limestone with just a little loess. The merest flicker of reduction plays with a tropical overtone of mango but is then caught by green apple and vivid citrus. The palate comes in with fluidity and a crunch that reminds of the thinnest film of ice, followed by serene brightness. This walks on tiptoe, making a virtue of its elongated, tender lightness edged by purest lemon zestiness. Beautiful and so elegant.

VINOUS, ANNE KREBIEHL











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In these wines, the idea of origin is taken to the highest level of quality. They come from world-famous vineyards that produce extraordinary grapes and have been recorded in centuries-old maps. They inimitably reflect the unique character of the site, the special nature of the soil and the great skill of those who have been familiar with the vineyard for many generations.

#### **HISTORY**

The site was first mentioned in a document in 1297 as 'iuxta Kirchenstück', a plot of land intended to provide food for a monastery kitchen.

#### ORIGIN

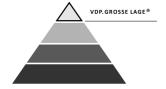
Located at 150 metres in the middle of a plateau between two churches, it overlooks H.O.'s home town. The Pliocene soils are interspersed with limestone banks and, due to the Hohen-Sülzer Kessellage, daytime temperatures are always a little higher than in our sites in the Zellertal. The overlay consists of soft, calcareous stone and provides the vines with excellent nutrition.

#### **VINIFICATION**

The Kirchenstück wines are carefully selected by hand, fermented spontaneously and aged in casks.

#### TASTE

On the nose, the wine alternates between juicy fruit and stimulating herbal spices of brook mint and lemon thyme. Its herbal-tart character is complemented by yellow- and red-fruity aromas: fully ripe yellow apples and quince, with a hint of nectarine. Complex and profound, it flows confidently and straightforwardly into the citrusy, salty-tart finish.



CAPACITY ALCOHOL ACIDITY CLOSURE 0,75 L 12,5 % VOL. 7,5 G/L CORK

SWEETNESS GRAPE VARIETY BIO
3,5 G/L RIESLING