



#### WINEMAKER

Roman Josef Pfaffl

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol  
14%

## PFAFFL

### GRÜNER VELTLINER HUNDLSEITEN, WEINVERTEL DAC RESERVE 2011

#### BACKGROUND

The Pfaffl family's greatest strength is family unity. The family focuses on crafting impeccable wines that reflect authentic Austrian terroir through their depth, minerality, and balance. Everyone plays a fulfilling role in which they can evolve. Roman Josef Pfaffl is the winemaker, and his sister Heidi Fischer oversees the commercial side. Father Roman Pfaffl looks after the vineyards and mother Adelheid watches over the newest generation. The family's teamwork was evident when they won the prestigious honor of being named Wine Enthusiast's "European Winery of the Year 2016," a first for an Austrian winery ever. For close to 40 years, the Pfaffls have been ambassadors for highquality Grüner Veltliner, Riesling, Chardonnay, Zweigelt, and St. Laurent. In just under 20 years Roman Pfaffl ambitiously grew a little farm with less than 2 acres of vines into a nearly 50 acre wine estate, meandering through 10 villages throughout Weinviertel. Biodiversity is important to Pfaffl, with a simple idea: the more biodiversity there is in the vineyard, the healthier the entire ecosystem is. The vineyard contains selected flowering plants to compete with vigorous grasses that provide a habitat for the beneficial insects amongst the vines.

#### APPELLATION

Weinviertel, Austria

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Grüner Veltliner

#### WINEMAKING & VINTAGE NOTES

In the cellar, the grapes have been destemmed and squeezed and must was standing approx. 8 hours before being pressed by a pneumatic press with low pressure. Fermentation as well as the storage took place with 50% in big wooden barrels and 50% in stainless steel tanks, was bottled in Burgundy-bottles. The year 2017 started with a very dry winter and a quick shoot. Unfortunately some of our vineyards were damaged by late frosts in May. Still, the remaining shoots thrived well, even as the hot summer did show some very dry weeks. In some vineyards, our new drip irrigation could help here to avoid the worst. Just before harvest we got some rain, which brought the ripeness up quickly. Altogether we have here a very good vintage with powerful, fruity white wines and very dark, full red wines.

#### TASTING NOTES

Sparkling bright yellow; explicit pepper spice, accompanied by orange and pineapple, a concert of aromas on the palate; pepper meets minerality, citrus meets apple; complexity and an opulent body. With every sip, more nuances come along, the full finish and a hint of spice invites to the next glass. Perfect to typical Viennese cuisine but also wonderful to exotic dishes.

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