

## WACHAU

**VAYDER-MALBERG**  
**SPITZ AN DER DONAU**


**OVERVIEW** | Unlike practically any other wine region, the Wachau is distinguished by its terraced vineyards with extremely old, dry stone walls. Not only do they represent the optical allure that the Wachau is so famous for, but they also are markedly responsible for the unique character of the Wachau's wines.

Manual care of the terraces is highly intensive (requiring 5 to 10 times more work than in vineyards which can accommodate vehicles). And this is why many of the old terraces are in danger of being abandoned - something that would ultimately change the landscape of the Wachau in the future.

So, starting in 2008, Peter Vayder-Malberg made it his goal to acquire exposed cool-site terraces with mainly old vines and protect them from being cleared. Although this means pure handwork - no machines whatsoever - he is convinced that the qualities of the wines are so unique, so full of character and spectacular, that this work will be repaid many times over.

**VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES** | Most of the vines are between 30 and 50 years old. Drinkability and age-worthiness are key to all work-related decisions. And working with healthy grapes that have not been exposed to the Botrytis fungus is of the highest priority. This means that fine, extremely elegant wines with a filigree minerality and plenty of tension are created - wines that are likely to be closed in their youth.

**WINES** | **Kreutles Grüner Veltliner** - Kreutles is the name of the vineyards with deep soils at the foot of the Loibenberg. They deliver well structured, very drinkable Grüner Veltliner - the classic Wachau wine.

**Viessling Grüner Veltliner** - The small village of Viessling lies in the west of the Spitz valley. It is known as one of the coolest areas of the Wachau. Therefore, Viessling can be seen as a kind of counterpoint to the Loibenberg (the warmest terroir of the Wachau). The vineyard is east-facing, which means that, in the early evenings, it is exposed to the cool winds coming over from the Waldviertel. All of this results in highly aromatic grapes with very mineral acidity and incomparable elegance. The terraces allow for handwork only.


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