

of flavours, very concentrated with yellow fruit, a distinct fresh acidity, some spicy notes, and a long aftertaste that combines ripe fruit and minerals. Super stuff!

2005 Ried Klaus, Riesling Smaragd, Weingut Prager, Wachau.

This producer is turning out really fantastic wines and in my eyes Prager is today the most distinctive producer in the Wachau and one of the great white winemakers on planet earth. These are uncompromising wines with a truly marked terroir character, great purity, finesse and concentration. Although they might be almost too austere

in their youth, this, in a way, is what I love about them. Leave them in the cellar for a few years and the fruit will come around and they will develop into beautiful wines. This is a surprisingly open example from the Ried Klaus Vineyard, showing quite a lot of opulence on the nose, some floral notes and fruity white peachy, fresh mango notes, and then an abundance of stones and minerals. The palate has a distinct bite to it, beautiful concentration and extract, very dry and very fresh yet with a lot of ripe stone-fruits, some salty mineral notes and an impressive length. If I were ever to try to describe precision and strictness, this would be it.

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