

MANTLERHOF

KREMSTAL · Österreich



STEINGRABEN 1^{er} Riesling



Etymology and History

The name hints to the soil of the vineyard which is permeated by gravel, and the form of the sight, a small valley. This led to the name “Steingraben” which literally translates to “Stonevalley”. It is also known as “Tyernsteiner”, which means the same thing in older German and is known as local name since 1276.

On top of the vineyard, integrated within a Löss wall is a whitely painted rock, which was placed there as a waymark for passing Danube ships.

Our vineyard is divided in 6 small terraces planted 1996 with Riesling vines from different wineries from the Wachau.

Soil

Relatively thin Löss-layer permeated by gravel, clay and rough molar. A result of the superficial weathering of conglomerate rock of the Hollenbruger-Karlstettner Formation. This conglomerate rock is normally covered by Löss and has little influence of the vines. Only here the influence of the vines is really perceivable. The conglomerate rock originates in the Kalkapfen and was deposited here by the river Traisen.

Climate

In the Kremstal valley the eastern, hot pannonic climate meets the cooler, continental influenced climate of the Waldviertel in the north. During the day our region heats up quickly, during nighttime the cool air from the Waldviertel flows in, which can lead to day and night differences up to 25°C.

Wine-Style

The unique geological properties of Steingraben lead to a wine with complex minerality, normally hard to achieve in Gedersdorf. Regularly reaches high ripeness and a lot of varietal fruitiness. May seem a little German in some years.

