Graue Freyheit 2016

CHARACTER

A white wine. A rosé. A Burgundy. A wine that liberates itself from colour and doesn't let itself be categorized. Graue Freyheit is colourful and aromatic. Far from boring grey, it is like morning fog lifting at dawn on a day that promises to be bright and clear. Brightly extracted red berries and very delicate black tea spice construct an exciting bridge between autumnal depth and spring-like insouciance and lust for life. Compact and taut with animating acidity, texture and persistent minerality, Graue Freyheit leaves an austere aftertaste with a cool impression. It creates an exciting symbiosis – powerful and sublimely steadfast, yet simultaneously calmly floating as only a zeppelin can. For best enjoyment, shake before pouring!

ORIGIN

Grauburgunder (Pinot Gris) thrives deeply rooted in crystalline schist and quartz schist on the Joiser Hackelsberg, a northwest slope that faces away from the Neusiedler See (Lake Neusied). The perfect complements, Chardonnay and Weissburgunder (Pinot Blanc), grow in limestone and schist on east-facing slopes of the Leithaberg (Leitha Mountains) and come predominantly from the top sites Breitenbrunner Edelgraben and Windener Alter Berg.

PRODUCTION

Bottled in a clay vessel with conscientious handcraft and great care throughout the entire life cycle. The vineyards are currently in conversion to biodynamic cultivation. Handpicked from beginning to mid-September, fermented spontaneously and left on the skins for 15 days. Gently basket pressed, malolactic fermentation, finally matured for 14 months in used oak barrels on its own lees and bottled unfiltered without added sulphur.

THE NUMBERS

40% Grauer Burgunder (Pinot Gris), 40% Chardonnay, 20% Weißburgunder (Pinot Blanc) • 13% a.b.v. • 5.4 gl/ acidity • 0.7 g/l residual sugar • format (I): 0.75 • Bottled in December 2017

