



## Markus Huber

A brilliant expression of Grüner Veltliner, Alte Setzen delivers a harmonious balance of ripe orchard fruits, herbal undertones, and a long, refined mineral-driven finish, embodying the depth of the Erste Lage classification.

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Alcohol :13,00 %

Composition: 100% Grüner Veltliner

## Alte Setzen Gruner Veltliner Erste OTW Lage 2022

Traisental, Austria

### Region and Vineyards

The **Alte Setzen vineyard** is located in **Traisental DAC**, a small but highly regarded wine region in Austria. This vineyard occupies a gently sloping east-facing site with **loess soils** derived from a **two-meter-thick layer of calcareous sediment** deposited by the ancient **Traisen River** approximately 15 million years ago. Beneath the loess lies a conglomerate from the **Hollenburg-Karlstetten Formation**, rich in limestone and dolomite clasts, contributing to the vineyard's mineral complexity.

The vineyard's microclimate, with cool nights and sunny days, ensures a long ripening period, allowing the grapes to develop vibrant acidity and concentrated flavors.

### Winemaking

The vintage began with a careful selection of physiologically ripe grapes. After harvest, the grapes were crushed and left in contact with the skins for 12 hours to extract aromatics and structure. The juice was then pressed and fermented in stainless steel tanks.

To enhance texture and complexity, the wine was split, with **50% aged in traditional acacia wood casks (2500 liters)** and the other 50% in stainless steel tanks. The wine underwent **bâtonnage (stirring of the lees)** for eight months, which imparted richness and depth, resulting in a well-balanced and age-worthy wine.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Intense yellow with greenish hues.
- **Aroma:** An expansive bouquet ranging from delicate **herbal spice** and **tobacco notes** to ripe **stone fruit aromas**.
- **Palate:** Concentrated and structured, offering a harmonious balance of ripe acidity, minerality, and richness. The finish is long, layered, and elegant.



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## Did You Know?

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The Alte Setzen vineyard benefits from soils that are millions of years old, formed from ancient river sediments. This unique geological heritage gives the wine its distinct minerality and complex flavor profile, reflecting both the land's history and Markus Huber's commitment to biodynamic practices.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

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- **Pork Belly with Asian Spices:** The wine's acidity cuts through the richness, while its complexity complements the bold spices.
- **Roasted Duck with Plum Sauce:** The ripe fruit and herbal notes pair beautifully with the sweet and savory flavors of the dish.
- **Vegetable Stir-fry with Soy and Ginger:** Its vibrant acidity and minerality enhance the umami and freshness of the stir-fry.
- **Red Cheese (Reblochon or Livarot):** The wine's structure and acidity balance the intense flavors of aged red cheeses.



### Robert Parker (RP) : 90 Points (2022)

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*From up to 71-year-old vines in a pure east-facing vineyard, the 2022 Grüner Veltliner Ried Alte Setzen 1ÖTW shows clear, bright and ripe fruit with finely spicy terroir notes. It is dense and elegant on the palate, quite full-bodied and slightly bitter on the finish, and it also has drying phenolic flavors, which caused problems for the Veltliners in many places in 2022. 13% stated alcohol. Screw cap. Tasted at Schloss Grafenegg.*



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