

Riesling Zöbinger Heiligenstein 2007

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Whatever your opinion may be of antiauthoritarian parenting, you can only be one hundred percent enthusiastic when it comes to Hannes Hirsch's interpretation. Just to make things clear, we are not talking about children, but about wine. And wine is allowed to do whatever it pleases at the Hirsch Winery. "You simply have to let it be," says the vintner from Kammern in the Kamp Valley.

The Riesling Zöbinger Heiligenstein 2007 was more or less allowed to run wild. The result is one of the most exciting Rieslings of the 2007 vintage. While others boast of high power and alcohol, the Hirsch Heiligenstein coasts along with 12 horse power. "Semi-sweet" can be read on the label. At one point the wine simply stopped fermenting. Instead of dipping into the box for tricks, Hirsch did exactly what he always does in such cases, nothing. Simple, antiauthoritarian nothing.

Hirsch doesn't really care what you call him, just don't call him a winemaker. Whoever "makes" wines, needs to fix something that has been ruined. Hirsch can let his wine be, because he ensures his vines an intact environment.

The Riesling Heiligenstein has not been "made". It tastes like a world healed made into wine: the perfect wine for times like these. And "semi-sweet" is written on the label because wine laws have no idea about antiauthoritarian parenting.