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# WEINGUT NEUMEISTER

ORGANIC

Christoph Neumeister manages Weingut Neumeister in Straden in the third family generation. His approach to viticulture and winemaking as well as the demands he puts on wine quality are very nuanced. In a time when it is often the loudest, the largest or the most tawdry that draws attention, Neumeister applies a long-term, holistic and meticulous work philosophy to produce elegant, quiet, yet complex wines that remain simultaneously refreshing and satisfyingly deep. Straden is located in Vulkanland Steiermark in the southeastern part of Austria. The climate has both Mediterranean and Pannonian influences that provide warm days, cool nights and sufficient precipitation to extend the vegetation period and delay harvest. 30 vineyard hectares are distributed between countless tiny parcels of land in steep sites. Calcareous sediment of two different origins distinguishes the soils of these vineyards: sandstone and shell limestone from an ancient coastal wetland, and Quaternary terrace gravels deposited here from the Alps. Many of the vines are 40 years or older, some of which are still trained on individual stakes, which translates to meticulous manual labour. All vineyards are organically cultivated since 2013. Selective manual harvest, prolonged maceration, spontaneous fermentation, gentle and slow maturation with long lees contact and late bottling result in well-structured, elegant wines that exhibit great complexity and clear expression of origin. The prime vineyards Ried Saziani and Ried Moarfeitl and are classified as Grosse STK sites (GSTK) and Ried Klausen and Ried Steintal as Erste STK sites (1STK), which correspond respectively to grand cru and premier cru. The Neumeister family also operates the award-winning restaurant “Saziani Stub’n” and the boutique hotel “Schlafgut Saziani” near the estate premises.



## WEINGUT NEUMEISTER

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### Winemaker/Contact:

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### Production:

92% white, 7% red, 1% sweet  
31+ 4 Hectares

### Fairs:

ProWein, VieVinum

### Distribution partners:

IT, SE, CH, BE, SK, DE, CZ, NL, GB,  
NO, USA, PL

### (96) Sauvignon Blanc Alte Reben 2015

#### 96 Sauvignon Blanc Alte Reben 2013

Medium green-yellow with silver highlights. Subtle nuances of fresh wild herbs, gooseberry and cassis over a subtle smoky, dark mineral background. Complex, juicy and elegantly textured, a cool style with plenty of finesse. Subtle guava notes accompany the tremendously long and impressively concentrated finish. Extraordinary potential.

#### 96 Sauvignon Blanc Alte Reben 2012

#### 95 Sauvignon Blanc Ried Moarfeitl G STK 2016

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#### (93) Sauvignon Blanc Ried Klausen 1 STK 2017

#### 93 Sauvignon Blanc Ried Klausen 1 STK 2015

#### 93 Sauvignon Blanc Ried Klausen 1STK 2014

#### 91 Sauvignon Blanc Steirische Klassik 2017

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#### 94 Morillon Ried Moarfeitl G STK 2015

Medium green-yellow with silver highlights. Pineapple and candied mandarin zest over toasted hazelnut nuances and minerals. Complex with juicy acidity, delicate fruit sweetness and oak spice harmoniously united. Pineapple and lemon notes linger on the finish. Will benefit from further bottle maturation.

#### 95 Morillon Ried Moarfeitl G STK 2013

#### 93 Morillon Ried Moarfeitl G STK 2012

- 91 Morillon Steirische Klassik 2017  
90 Morillon Steirische Klassik 2015  
91 Morillon Steirische Klassik 2014
- 95 Weißburgunder Ried Klausen 1  
STK Reserve 2015
- (93) Weißburgunder Ried Klausen 1 STK 2017  
92 Weißburgunder Ried Klausen 1 STK 2015  
92 Weißburgunder Ried Klausen 1 STK 2013
- 90 Weißburgunder Steirische Klassik 2017  
92 Weißburgunder Steirische Klassik 2016  
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- (93) Roter Traminer Ried Steintal 1 STK 2017  
93 Roter Traminer Ried Steintal 1 STK 2015  
92 Roter Traminer Ried Steintal 1 STK 2014
- 94 Grauburgunder Ried Saziani G STK 2016  
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- 91 Grauburgunder Steirische Klassik 2017  
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- (92) Gelber Muskateller Ried Silberberg 2017
- 90 Gelber Muskateller Steirische Klassik 2017  
91 Gelber Muskateller Steirische Klassik 2016  
90 Gelber Muskateller Steirische Klassik 2015
- 90 Welschriesling Steirische Klassik 2015  
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- 89 Gemischter Satz 2017  
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- 92 Cuvée de Merin 2015  
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- 91 Pinot Noir Ried Klausen 2015  
91 Pinot Noir 2013  
91 Pinot Noir 2012
- 89 Zweigelt Vulkanland 2015  
90 Zweigelt 2013  
90 Zweigelt 2012
- 93 TBA 2013 RR/WR/PG/CH