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2017 Neumeister Weissburgunder Steirische Klassik

The 2017 Weissburgunder Steirische Klassik is clear, fresh and dense on the nose where ripe white fruit aromas are displayed. Very elegant and fresh but also juicy on the palate, this is a fresh, piquant, well-structured and intense Pinot Blanc with a long, intense, firm and salty finish. Aged on the lees in stainless steel and 30% large oak, this is a stunning, first-class gastronomic wine made with grapes sourced from younger vines in top vineyards around the domain. It has citric freshness and very good grip in the finish. Tasted July 2018.

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2017 Neumeister Ried Klausen Sauvignon Blanc 1STK

The 2017 Ried Klausen Sauvignon Blanc 1STK is super pure, precise and fresh on the nose. From Muschelkalk and calcareous sandstone soils, this Klausen is deep, stony, elegant yet concentrated and noble, with coolish fruit aromas along with herbal/vegetal (but not green) and stony notes. I would easily accept it as a top Sancerre. On the palate, this is a full-bodied, finessed and salty-piquant Sauvignon Blanc with great expression and individuality. The finish is tight, spicy and endlessly salty. So dense, tight and fresh, with notes of blackcurrants and white flowers on the mysterious and open bouquet. Highly digestible. This a great Austrian Sauvignon Blanc.

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2017 Neumeister Ried Klausen Weissburgunder 1STK

The 2017 Ried Klausen Weissburgunder 1STK comes from a steep (65%), east/southeast-facing premier cru on poor sandstone and shell limestone soils. Fermented and aged in 2,000-liter oak vats, the citrus colored 2017 opens with a stunningly intense, aromatic, perfectly ripe and juicy bouquet. Round and lush on the palate, this is a full-bodied, very elegant, finessed and perfectly balanced (thus highly digestible) Pinot with remarkable complexity and minerality that gives great and intense length. This is perhaps the finest Pinot Blanc I have tasted from Christoph Neumeister. Tasted in July 2018.

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2017 Neumeister Gemischter Satz

From early-ripening grapes in rented vineyards that were picked and fermented together, the 2017 Gemischter Satz is clear, fresh and spicy on the invitingly aromatic nose. The palate is clear, clean and fresh, with white fruit aromas and a refreshing finish with citrus, pear and apple flavors. This 2017 is lean, fine and elegant and delivers spicy juniper and even caper berry flavors in the finish. Tasted July 2018.

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2017 Neumeister Ried Steintal Roter Traminer 1STK

From calcareous, gravelly and sandstone soils, the 2017 Ried Steintal Roter Traminer 1STK is pure, clear, bright, piquant and fresh on the nose, with smoky speck or ham, fig and lychee aromas. Full-bodied on the palate, this is a dense, intense, firmly structured yet fine, bright and even salty Traminer with a tight yet stimulating and salty finish. A gorgeous wine with fine tannins and good grip. Not as deep as an Alsace Gewürztraminer but refreshing and firm. Tasted July 2018.

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2017 Neumeister Ried Silberberg Gelber Muskateller

Neumeister's 2017 Ried Silberberg Gelber Muskateller is from almost 30-year-old vines that grow on pure, calcareous sandstone soils. The wine offers a clear, deep and dense bouquet of white and yellow-fleshed fruits, with earthy-stony and citrus notes. The palate is dense, firm, elegant, fresh and stimulatingly herbal, with good transparency, phenolic grip and mineral tension in the alive-and-kicking, very persistent finish. This is a damn serious Muscat, another kind of Gin Tonic, if you will. The wine was aged in large oak vats for nine months, then bottled in June 2018 and tasted in July.

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2017 Neumeister Grauburgunder Steirische Klassik

From calcareous gravel soils, the 2017 Grauburgunder Steirische Klassik opens with a precise, fresh, reductive, slightly flinty, yeasty and lemon-fresh bouquet with ripe fruit aromas. Round and lush on the palate, this is a generous but finessed, vital and juicy Pinot Gris with a long, aromatic finish and very fine tannins. This is an excellent wine with food. Impressive. Tasted July 2018.

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2017 Neumeister Gelber Muskateller Steirische Klassik

The 2017 Gelber Muskateller Steirische Klassik is clear, intense, fresh and spicy on the well-defined and seductive nose that is certainly aromatic, intertwined with stony notes. It is lean, light, clear and fresh on the palate, with white fruit aromas in the stimulating, well-structured, herbal, crispy-spicy and tonic finish. Tasted July 2018.

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2016 Neumeister Ried Moarfeitl Sauvignon Blanc GSTK

From 30+-year-old vines from a high plateau on deep, gravelly silt soils, the 2016 Ried Moarfeitl Sauvignon Blanc GSTK is deep, intense, super ripe and lush on the nose (think of ripe mirabelles) that displays lactic, hazelnut, spicy/herbal (but not green) and lemon juice aromas. On the palate, this is a full-bodied, intense, lush, creamy, well-structured and persistent Sauvignon Blanc with dense fruit and compact structure. Very long, lush and generous but firm and salty. A bit more oxidative perhaps? Tasted July 2018.

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2016 Neumeister Ried Klausen Sauvignon Blanc 1STK

The 2016 Ried Klausen Sauvignon Blanc 1STK is deep, dense and concentrated on the nose; though not as pure, fine, cool and elegant as the 2017, it's ripe and open, with almost-dried white frost aromas intermixed with more vegetal notes. On the palate, this is a tight, dense, firmly structured, more tannic and (for now) more rustic wine provided with piquant acidity. Tight, piquant and fresh on the finish. A character. Tasted July 2018.

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2016 Neumeister Ried Saziani Grauburgunder GSTK

From 50- to 55-year-old vines in a south-facing vineyard on shallow gravelly soils, the 2016 Ried Saziani Grauburgunder GSTK fermented in 600-liter oak barrels due to the small yields (down 80% compared to a normal year). It has a coolish, fresh, flinty, pure and spicy nose with some orange blossom, crushed walnut and pumpkin seed aromas, but it is still very young and clearly cooler and fresher compared to the 2017 Klassik. Aged for almost a year in 600-liter barrels and another ten months in a 2,000-liter vat from Franz Stockinger, this is a full-bodied, creamy, elegant, pretty energetic and slightly oaky but clear, fresh and structured Pinot Gris. It has firm but fine (Stockinger) tannins and ripe, lush, aromatic stone fruit in the finish. It is still young but also promising due to its verve. Keep it for at least two or three more years. Bottled in March 2018. Tasted in July 2018.

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2016 Neumeister Sauvignon Blanc Steierische Klassik

The 2016 Sauvignon Blanc Steierische Klassik is clear, fresh and spicy/herbal on the bright, aromatic, vegetal (but not green) nose that is full of seeds and sweet herbs. Highly seductive! Lush, piquant and salty on the palate, this is a gorgeous Klassik: very fresh and firm, with rather coolish, Styrian fruit and stimulating phenolic grip in the finish. Just excellent! Tasted July 2018.

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2015 Neumeister Ried Saziani Grauburgunder GSTK

From 50-year-old vines on calcareous, alluvial gravel soils and macerated for six to eight hours, fermented in old large oak vats, the 2015 Ried Saziani GSTK Grauburgunder opens with a ripe but fresh and precise bouquet with perfectly ripe pear aromas. Full-bodied, fresh and elegant, this is an atypical Pinot Gris due to its freshness and phenolic grip. It is a Styrian interpretation of Pinot Gris that reveals stunning acidity, purity and finessed freshness. The finish is salty and piquant. Bottled with 14% alcohol.

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2015 Neumeister Straden Alte Reben Sauvignon Blanc

Not produced in 2014 (due to hail on the 1st of September), the 2015 Straden Alte Reben Sauvignon Blanc is very deep, perfectly ripe and concentrated on the nose where ripe mirabelles and white peaches are displayed. Aged in a 1,000-liter oak vat, this is a highly elegant, finessed, salty and pure terroir wine that reveals great length and complexity. This is a Styrian giant dancing Swan Lake, and it's surely the best wine I have ever tasted from Christoph Neumeister. The 2015 has power, finesse, enormous density, grip and tension, and the structure and persistency is just mind-blowing here. From vines planted in 1937, 1951 and 1967. Tasted July 2018.

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2015 Neumeister Ried Klausen Weissburgunder 1STK

From sandstone and shell limestone soils (from a 65% steep, southeast-facing vineyard), and fermented in one 2,000-liter oak vat and one 500-liter oak vat, the citrus-colored 2015 Klausen 1STK Weissburgunder opens with clear, intense, well concentrated, lemon-fresh and rather coolish fruit intermixed with (still prominent) fresh oak aromas. Full-bodied, fresh and mineral on the palate, with a good grip and persistent structure, this is a rich and very intense but elegant Pinot Blanc with a remarkably long, complex finish and serious tannins. Still young and juicy, this 2015 will gain complexity over the years in the bottle. This wine is also very well structured due to 15 hours of maceration.

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2015 Neumeister Ried Moarfeitl Sauvignon Blanc GSTK

From 30+-year-old vines, the 2015 Ried Moarfeitl GSTK Sauvignon Blanc is from an elevated plain with a south/southwest-facing exposure and less shallow soils than the Klausen (calcareous silt on gravel). The 2015 opens with a clear, deep, aromatic, perfectly ripe and concentrated bouquet of tight peaches intermixed with stony aromas. Full-bodied, intense and juicy, this is a full-bodied, rich and compact, ripe and juicy, very elegant and balanced Sauvignon Blanc with an aromatic, well-structured, slightly salty finish. The wine was fermented for two months, aged on the full lees for almost one year and was bottled in February 2017. This was picked about seven days later than the Klausen but at the same level of ripeness.

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2015 Neumeister Ried Moarfeitl GSTK Morillon

From silt and gravel soils and fermented and aged for one year in 500-liter barrels and another year in a large oak Fuder, the 2015 Ried Moarfeitl GSTK Morillon opens with an intense, ripe, concentrated and elegant nose. On the palate, this is a full-bodied, creamy textured, elegant, fresh and finessed Chardonnay with a long, salty, tension-filled and stimulating finish with a good tannic grip. This is an excellent gastronomic wine. Macerated for 18 to 20 hours.

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2015 Neumeister Ried Klausen Sauvignon Blanc 1STK

From 30+-year-old vines, the 2015 Klausen 1STK Sauvignon Blanc opens with a deep, fresh, very aromatic and well concentrated bouquet of ripe and concentrated, green rather than yellow tropical fruit flavors along with passion fruit, white peach, herbal (bear's garlic) and some stony aromas. Macerated for 24 to 30 hours and fermented in 2,000- to 2,500-liter oak foudres, this is a full-bodied, clear, fresh and elegant Sauvignon Blanc with a refreshing and crispy grip and a lingering phenolic structure. The acidity is ripe and perfectly intertwined with the phenols. This is a gorgeous and still young but stimulating gastronomic Sauvignon Blanc.

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2015 Neumeister Silberberg 1STK Gelber Muskateller

The 2015 Silberberg 1STK Gelber Muskateller is from 25+ year-old vines on pure, calcareous sandstone soils and is fermented entirely in large oak vats and aged on the lees for one year. It offers a deep, clear, fresh and smoky-mineral nose with perfectly ripe Muscat, delicate spicy/herbal and floral aromas. Full-bodied, intense and piquant, this is a juicy, round, very elegant, refreshingly salty-mineral and well-structured Muscat with a long and powerful finish and some nice tannins. Pretty rich though.

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2015 Neumeister Sauvignon Blanc Steierische Klassik

The 2015 Sauvignon Blanc Steierische Klassik has a fresh citrus color and opens with an intense and aromatic grapefruit bouquet. Medium-bodied, straight and fresh, with good grip and lingering citrus flavors, this is an elegant, pure, salty, intense and characterful Sauvignon Blanc with grip and good length. It's an excellent wine with food: clear, dry, crisp and structured like a Sancerre, with fresh gooseberry flavors on the aftertaste.

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2015 Neumeister Ried Steintal Roter Traminer 1STK

The 2015 Steintal 1STK Roter Traminer offers a clear, fresh and aromatic but also pure and mineral nose. On the palate, this is a dry, very mineral, salty and elegant Gewurztraminer with a structure of fine tannin and acidity and a long, stimulating finish. Impressive!

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2014 Neumeister Ried Klausen Sauvignon Blanc

Marketed as "Premier Cru" or 1STK, the 2014 Klausen Sauvignon Blanc offers a clear, fresh, cool and complex bouquet with reduced (citrus) fruit and lovely mineral aromas. Full-bodied, round and juicy, with piquant acidity, phenolic grip and fine, fresh tannins, this is a well-concentrated and structured Klausen from 30-year-old vines whose must fermented in large traditional oak vats. It is an impressive and characterful Sauvignon Blanc from a cool and very difficult vintage. Christoph Neumeister couldn't have done it any better: it's a gorgeous Sauvignon Blanc, especially with food. Tasted July 2017.

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2013 Neumeister Sauvignon Blanc Klausen

The 2013 Sauvignon Blanc Klausen is sourced from an east-facing sandstone and limestone vineyard that lays in the shadow from 4:00pm onward. Very intense, ripe and mineral on the nose with spicy flavors, this full-bodied, dense and elegant wine reveals a stunning power and a grippy structure along with an aromatic, refreshingly pure and salty finish. Compared to the Moarfeitl, the Klausen is more austere in the finish and needs more time.

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2013 Neumeister Grauburgunder Saziani

From 50-year-old vines on a gravelly conus, and fermented and aged for 18 months in old oak vats, the 2013 Grauburgunder Saziani offers a very deep and fruit-intense nose with fully ripe peach flavors and hints of dried stone fruits. Full-bodied, round and very fruity, this is a rich and almost sweet, but fresh and finesse-full Pinot Gris; it has fine tannins, a stimulating salinity and mineral tension. The tannins are quite present at the moment and hinders the wine to sing.

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2013 Neumeister Sauvignon Blanc Moarfeitl

The 2013 Sauvignon Blanc Moarfeitl comes from a silt plateau, ripens later than the Sauvignon Blanc Klausen and usually has more power. The 2012 is very clear, deep and aromatic on the serious but already accessible, elegant and spicy nose. Full-bodied, round, fresh and elegant, this wine is fruit-intense on the palate and finish, but also with a salty minerality. This charming wine is well structured, powerful and very long, as well as pure and tension-filled. Drink over the next 10-15 years.

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2013 Neumeister Stradener Alte Reben Sauvignon Blanc

From very old, densely planted vines still trained on single poles (planted in 1937, 1951 and 1967 in the Klausen and Steintal), the 2013 Stradener Alte Reben Sauvignon Blanc (bottled in September 2016) opens with a deep, perfectly ripe, intense, concentrated but delicate and spicy/herbal bouquet. Full-bodied, rich and aromatic, with gorgeous freshness and a salty-mineral backbone, this is a highly elegant and perfectly balanced Sauvignon Blanc with unique character. The finish is tremendously long and tension-filled. I have rarely tasted such a finessed and concentrated, unique Sauvignon Blanc. Gorgeous! It was macerated only for 18 hours due to the small berries with their thick skins, fermented in a 20-year-old 1000-liter barrel for one year and aged another two years on the fine lees in the same barrel.

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2013 Neumeister Ried Saziani Grauburgunder

The citrus colored 2013 Grauburgunder Saziani offers a ripe, intense and elegant nose with hazelnut and fresh oak aromas. Full-bodied, round and elegant, this is a ripe, intense, lemon-flavored Pinot Gris that reveals good balance and lingering salinity along with fine, well-integrated tannins. The finish is long, complex and much fresher and finer than that of the 2013 Morillon Moarfeitl. Still young, this is probably one of Neumeister's finest 2013s.

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2013 Neumeister Moarfeitl GSTK Morillon

The white-golden colored 2013 Moarfeitl GSTK Morillon shows a ripe, intense and slightly oaky nose with perfectly ripe fruits and lemon chutney aromas. Full-bodied, rich and elegant but with some lactic flavors, this is a powerful and complex Morillon with concentrated fruit, firm tannins and a touch of sweetness due to the alcohol extract and oak. This wine needs perhaps more time to gain balance and finesse.

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2013 Neumeister Trockenbeereauslese Saziani

The golden-yellow 2013 Trockenbeereauslese Saziani opens with intense and spicy honeyed aromas of white peaches, apricots and white pepper. On the palate this is a terribly rich, sweet and elegant TBA based on Welschriesling. Provided with vital and racy acidity this is a highly concentrated and spicy-sweet wine with a long and grippy finish. Bottled with 9% alcohol. Tasted May 2017.

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2012 Neumeister Ried Klausen Sauvignon Blanc

The citrus colored 2012 Klausen Sauvignon Blanc opens with a very pure and mineral yet intense and floral bouquet. Round, intense and powerful, the 2012 is elegant, well balanced and rather gentle in its acidity. It finishes with a slightly bitter flavor and lingering salinity. 13.5% alcohol. Tasted July 2017.

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2012 Neumeister Ried Saziani Grauburgunder

Neumeister's citrus colored 2012 Grauburgunder Saziani offers a deep, ripe, concentrated, pretty complex and mineral nose with flinty aromas. Full-bodied, rich and elegant, this is a powerful, well-structured, balanced Pinot Gris with firm but well-integrated tannin structure and a lingering salinity. The 2012 has even more power (and alcohol) than the 2013 and, perhaps, a bit less finesse. It is still an impressive Pinot Gris.

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2012 Neumeister Sauvignon Blanc Stradener Alte Reben

From a south/south-east facing vineyard planted in 1937, 1951 and 1967 (single poles), the 2012 Sauvignon Blanc Stradener Alte Reben is very clear, intense and concentrated on the nose where fully ripe fruit and floral aromas (lime blossoms) are displayed, along with white pepper aromas. Very elegant, round, intense and powerful on the palate, this firmly structured wine shows some mealy tannins and a good grip in the fresh, salty finish.

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2012 Neumeister Moarfeitl GSTK Morillon

The lemon-yellow colored 2012 Moarfeitl GSTK Morillon has a deep, clear, lemony, slightly toasty nose that indicates good concentration. On the palate this is a rich, round, elegant, pretty intense but also finessed and well-structured Chardonnay with a clear and salty finish but (still?) some astringent tannins on the finish.

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2012 Neumeister Ried Moarfeitl Sauvignon Blanc

The 2012 Moarfeitl Sauvignon Blanc (from calcareous silt on gravel and marketed as GSTK, aka grand cru) offers a very clear, intense, complex yet subtle and elegant bouquet with spicy mineral and floral aromas. First maturity here. Full-bodied, round and juicy, with caramel and strawberry flavors, this is a very elegant and balanced Sauvignon Blanc with ripe and elegant acidity. The tannins are mature and smooth and the wine develops a long and balanced finish. The 2012 is getting very intense on the finish and runs over the palate like a calm river. It is drinking perfectly today. Tasted July 2017.

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2011 Neumeister Ried Moarfeitl Sauvignon Blanc

The 2011 Moarfeitl Sauvignon Blanc has an intense straw-yellow color and opens with a dense and concentrated, somewhat oaky bouquet with spicy aromas. Full-bodied, round and rich on the palate, this is a juicy and slightly tannic wine with good acidity but a somewhat astringent finish. It is a bit too rich and lacks the clear and tensioned structure and vitality of younger vintages. Maceration times were probably still much shorter at that time. Tasted July 2017.

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2011 Neumeister Sauvignon Blanc Stradener Alte Reben

The 2011 Sauvignon Blanc Stradener Alte Reben shows very clear and super ripe fruit aromas on the quite warm, concentrated, floral and delicate nose, with lime blossom and oregano flavors. The is a full-bodied, rich and very mineral, fresh and highly elegant Sauvignon in perfect balance. A monumental wine with finesse and a lingering salinity. Stunning.

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2010 Neumeister Trockenbeereauslese Saziani

The golden-apricot colored 2010 Trockenbeereauslese Saziani displays an enormously concentrated nose with highly fine and spicy raisin and apricot aromas. Rich and incredibly dense, sweet and concentrated, this is a picture book TBA due to its great finesse, elegance and harmony. The finish is enormously long, well structured and piquant, with concentrated lemon and fig flavors. This is a stunningly precise TBA that can age for five and more decades.

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2010 Neumeister Trockenbeereauslese Saziani Essenz

The 2010 Trockenbeereauslese Saziani Essenz (6% alcohol) opens with a highly concentrated, ripe, clear and peppery nose with fine botrytis, raisin and vanilla aromas. Smooth, round, sweet and almost creamy on the terribly rich and highly elegant palate, this Essencia has a super fine, lingering acidity and a long, salty finish. This is another legend and it will still be one in 2100. One of the finest sweet wines I have tasted from Austria. It is of high precision and intensity.

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2009 Neumeister Stradener Alte Reben Sauvignon Blanc

From very old, densely planted vines still trained on single poles (planted in 1937, 1951 and 1967 in the Klausen and the Steintal), the 2009 Stradener Alte Reben Sauvignon Blanc is pure, fresh and spicy on the nose. Full-bodied and vital on the palate, this is a complex and elegant Sauvignon Blanc with finesse, mineral tension and a long, salty finish with lovely toasty, mocha flavors. A great and tensioned 2009 and a great wine with food. Tasted July 2017.

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2008 Neumeister Stradener Alte Reben Sauvignon Blanc

The intensely yellow colored 2008 Stradener Alte Reben Sauvignon Blanc opens with lactic flavors on the nose. It is a full-bodied, round and creamy Sauvignon Blanc with fine tannins and ripe acidity. Very elegant and round, this one should be excellent with food.

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