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WEINGUT NEUMEISTER

ORGANIC

Christoph Neumeister is the third generation to run the Neumeister winery in Straden. His approach to viticulture and winemaking as well as his demand for wine quality are very nuanced. At a time when the loudest, biggest or flashiest things are often pushed to the fore, he consciously pursues a long-term, holistic and elaborate approach in order to press elegant wines that are characterised by inner calm and complexity, yet are still lively and satisfyingly profound. Straden is located in the volcanic region of Styria in south-eastern Austria and is characterised by an Illyrian-Pannonian mixed climate. This brings warm

days and cool nights as well as sufficient rainfall averaging 900 millimeters per year, which in turn allows for a long growing season and late harvest. In this challenging climatic environment, 31 hectares are cultivated, spread over countless small vineyards on steep slopes. The geology of these vineyards is characterised by limestone-rich sedimentary soils from two different provenances: sandstone and shell limestone, formed from a mudflat sea, and Sarmat gravel, which was deposited here in the Tertiary period from the Alps. Many of these vineyards have reached 40 years of age and more and are partly still cane cultivations, which means elab-



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Production:

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

Fairs: ProWein Düsseldorf,
VieVinum, MondoVino

Distribution partners: BE, DE, UK,
IT, NL, NO, PL, RUS, SE, CH, SK, CZ,
USA



Ried Saziani, Straden

* Vulkanland Steiermark DAC

orate manual work. In addition, all vineyards have been farmed organically since 2013. The result of careful hand-harvesting, extended maceration periods, gentle and slow ageing in the cellar, spontaneous fermentation, long yeast contact times and late bottling is well-structured and elegant wines with a high degree of complexity and a clear provenance.

The winery's premium vineyards are Saziani and Moarfeitl (GSTK) as well as Klausen and Steintal (1STK). The family runs the restaurant "Saziani Stub'n" and the boutique hotel "Schlafgut Saziani" in the immediate vicinity of the winery. Christoph Neumeister was awarded the title "Falstaff Winemaker of the Year" in June 2019 at the Hofburg in Vienna.

(98) Sauvignon Blanc * Alte Reben 2018

98 Sauvignon Blanc Alte Reben 2017

Bright yellow-green, silver reflections. Immensely multi-faceted bouquet; berryish fruit, fine cassis nuances, delicately reductive herbal spice, a hint of peppermint. Full-bodied, pronounced juicy extract, white apple fruit, compact, finely structured acidity, salty aftertaste. Lingers for minutes, excellent ageing potential. A restrained but very impressive Sauvignon Blanc.

96 Sauvignon Blanc Alte Reben 2015

(97) Sauvignon Blanc *

Ried Moarfeitl GSTK 2019

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(94) Sauvignon Blanc * Straden 2020

93 Sauvignon Blanc * Straden 2019

92 Sauvignon Blanc * Straden 2018

94 Sauvignon Blanc * Ried Klausen 1STK 2019

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93 Sauvignon Blanc Ried Klausen 1STK 2017

(96) Morillon * Ried Moarfeitl GSTK 2019

95 Morillon * Ried Moarfeitl GSTK 2018

Light yellow-green, silver reflections. Pleasant toasty aromas, a hint of caramel, yellow tropical fruit, orange zest, mineral underlay. Juicy, pronounced fruit, good texture, a whisper of tangerine, elegant and well-balanced, fine structure, yellow fruit nuances on the finish. Already accessible, has good ageing potential.

96 Morillon Ried Moarfeitl GSTK 2017

(93) Morillon * Straden 2020

92 Morillon * Straden 2019

93 Morillon * Straden 2018

(95) Grauburgunder * Ried Saziani GSTK 2019

94 Grauburgunder * Ried Saziani GSTK 2018

Medium golden yellow, silver reflections. Smoky, hint of citrus, ripe pear fruit, pleasant tobacco spice, mineral undertow. Complex, very juicy, pronounced fruit, nicely textured, fine acidity, discreet blossom honey on the finish, very well-balanced. Will benefit from further bottle maturation. A textural food companion.

95 Grauburgunder Ried Saziani GSTK 2017

(93) Grauburgunder * Straden 2020

93 Grauburgunder * Straden 2019

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94 Roter Traminer * Ried Steintal 1STK 2019

93 Roter Traminer * Ried Steintal 1STK 2018

93 Roter Traminer Ried Steintal 1STK 2017

93 Weißburgunder * Ried Klausen 1STK 2019

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93 Weißburgunder Ried Klausen 1STK 2017

95 Weißburgunder Ried Klausen 1STK Reserve 2015

92 Weißburgunder * 2020

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92 Gelber Muskateller * 2020

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92 Gelber Muskateller * 2018

91 Welschriesling * 2020

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91 Welschriesling * 2018

91 Gemischter Satz 2020

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(92) Cuvée de Merin 2019 ZW/ME

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92 Cuvée de Merin 2017 ZW/ME

(90) Pinot Noir 2019

91 Pinot Noir 2018

91 Pinot Noir Ried Klausen 2017