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WEINGUT NEUMEISTER

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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 southeastern 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 elaborate 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.

97 Sauvignon Blanc * Alte Reben 2019
13,5 Vol.-%, cork, large wooden barrel, €€€€€

98 Sauvignon Blanc * Alte Reben 2018
Medium yellow-green, silver reflections. Fresh herbal savouriness, fine smoky notes, subtle yellow fruit, hints of mango, papaya and guava, fresh orange zest and a mineral touch. Tightly meshed palate with fresh yellow peach, delicate hints of pineapple, elegant acidity, salty-limestone liquid rock and lemon on the finish Very long with definite ageing potential. Nothing less than a world-class Sauvignon.

98 Sauvignon Blanc Alte Reben 2017

95 Sauvignon Blanc * Ried Moarfeitl GSTK 2020
13 Vol.-%, cork, large wooden barrel, €€€€€ B V

97 Sauvignon Blanc * Ried Moarfeitl GSTK 2019

95 Sauvignon Blanc * Ried Moarfeitl GSTK 2018

94 Sauvignon Blanc * Ried Klausen 1STK 2020
13 Vol.-%, cork, large wooden barrel, €€€€€ B

94 Sauvignon Blanc * Ried Klausen 1STK 2019

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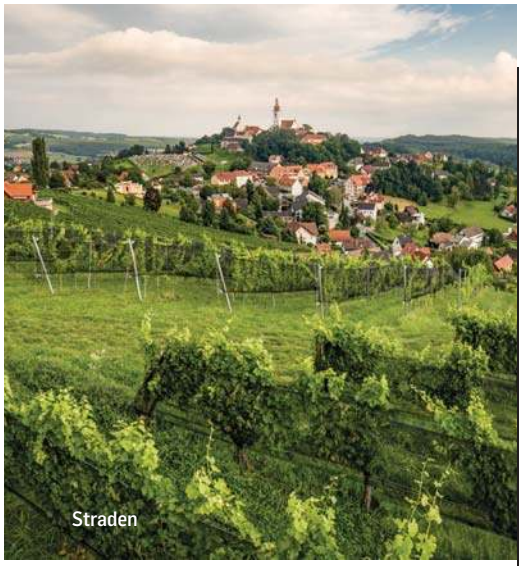
Production:
92 % white, 7 % red, 1 % sweet,
31+4 hectares
Fairs: ProWein Düsseldorf,
VieVinum, MondoVino
Distribution partners:
BE, DE, UK, IT, NL, NO, PL, RUS, SE,
CH, SK, CZ, USA


Straden

94 Sauvignon Blanc * Klausen 1STK 2018

93 Sauvignon Blanc * Straden 2021
12,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, large wooden barrel/steel tank, €€€€ B V

94 Sauvignon Blanc * Straden 2020

93 Sauvignon Blanc * Straden 2019

95 Morillon * Ried Moarfeitl GSTK 2020
13 Vol.-%, cork, small wooden barrel, €€€€€ B V

96 Morillon * Ried Moarfeitl GSTK 2019
Bright lemon-green with silver highlights. Ripe tropical fruit notes with delicate papaya, blossom honey, and meadow herbs, against a backdrop of mango compote. Good complexity and a tightly-woven structure with well-integrated acidity. There are fine savoury notes, along with restrained fruit in the finish. Showing good development, and further ageing potential.

95 Morillon * Ried Moarfeitl GSTK 2018

93 Morillon * Straden 2021
12,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank/large wooden barrel, €€€€ B V

93 Morillon * Straden 2020

92 Morillon * Straden 2019

94 Grauburgunder * Ried Saziani GSTK 2020
13 Vol.-%, cork, large wooden barrel, €€€€€ B V

95 Grauburgunder * Ried Saziani GSTK 2019
Bright yellow-green, silver glints. Intense scent of mango, a hint of pineapple and blossom honey, candied tangerine zest - a floral bouquet. Elegant, close-knit, fine structure, mineral tones followed by yellow pear touches on the finish. A good food accompaniment.

94 Grauburgunder * Ried Saziani GSTK 2018

93 Grauburgunder * Straden 2021
13 Vol.-%, screwcap, large wooden barrel/steel tank, €€€€ B V

93 Grauburgunder * Straden 2020

93 Grauburgunder * Straden 2019

94 Roter Traminer * Ried Steintal 1STK 2020
13 Vol.-%, cork, large wooden barrel, €€€€€ B

94 Roter Traminer * Ried Steintal 1STK 2019

93 Roter Traminer * Steintal 1STK 2018

93 Weißburgunder * Ried Klausen 1STK 2020
13 Vol.-%, cork, large wooden barrel, €€€€€ B

93 Weißburgunder * Ried Klausen 1STK 2019

93 Weißburgunder * Ried Klausen 1STK 2018

92 Weißburgunder * 2021
12,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank/large wooden barrel, €€€ B V

92 Weißburgunder * 2020

92 Weißburgunder * 2019

92 Gelber Muskateller * 2021
12 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€ B V

92 Gelber Muskateller * 2020

92 Gelber Muskateller * 2019

91 Welschriesling * 2021
12 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€ B V

91 Welschriesling * 2020

92 Welschriesling * 2019

91 Gemischter Satz 2021
12 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank/large wooden barrel, €€€ B V

91 Gemischter Satz 2020

91 Gemischter Satz 2019

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

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