STYRIA

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THE WINE KILLERS

Styria

Styria is a wine-growing area of sheer complexity collocated in the South-east of Austria. Styria represents one of the four Austrian wine-growing regions, with a grand total of 4,600 hectares, about 9% of the total hectares under vines in Austria and about 7% of the total wine produced.

- **77% of the total Styrian wine-making area is used for varieties of white wine**
- **12% for red wine**
- **11% for the speciality of Schilcher Rosè**

The main varieties are Riesling, Pinot, Müller-Thurgau, Morillon (Chardonnay), Sauvignon Blanc, Schilcherland and Zweigelt. The climate is in relation to the geographical location, which is the South side of the Alps' main ridge, therefore with a partially mitigated inclement of the weather conditions.
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- **Vulkanland Steiermark (region of ancient volcanoes. south-east)**
- **Südsteiermark (south)**
- **Weststeiermark (west)**

Sauvignon Blanc

GARDINI NOTES WINE RANKING

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95

Ehrenhausen Muschelkalk 2017
TEMENT

This Sauvignon is rather characterized by the fruit definition than by the taste intrusiveness. The fine aroma includes pineapple and mango, whereas the mouthful seems both delicate and rewarding, and manages to finish with rich mineral notes without standing above the aromatic, fine and elegant texture.

95

Ried Steinriegl Sauvignon Blanc 2017
WOHLMUTH

Manual harvest, soft pressing, maturation in steel and wooden barrels enabled the creation of this outstanding sauvignon that contains both the minerals of the ground and the fruity and elegant essence of grape blend. Its nose reveals pepper and yellow-pulped fruit, whereas the sip shows up vertical, sapid and very balanced.

94+

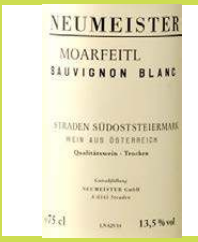
Ried Hochstermetzberg Sauvignon blanc 2015
MAITZ

Orange peel, vegetable stress, fruit, fineness and an elegant structure are the main qualities of this superior sauvignon whose nose is spicy and structured. Mineral, round and extremely pleasant to drink, it suggest an immediate repetita iuvant.

94+

Ried Moarfeitl Sauvignon Blanc 2015
NEUMEISTER

Pink grapefruit to refresh nose and palate, a strong tannic sensation and a low alcoholic content are the main attributes for this compact and really comforting drink. In this case, you will feel sacrifice, steep slopes, rainfalls and the unstable climate, then a primitive strength, the vine one, rather (rightly) indulged than subdued.



WINE RANKING

94

Ried Flamberg Sauvignon Blanc 2016 Bio
LACKNER-TINNACHER

Its aroma is slightly toasted, with undergrowth dried fruit, then elder flowers, tasting strict as a Maths' teacher but also welcoming. This wine is recognizable for its thread of acidity with lime, green apple notes. The mouthful is wide, very juicy, and glorified by a deep finish.

93

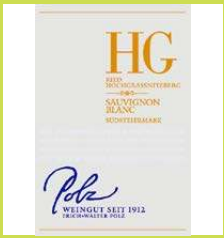
Ried Welles Sauvignon Blanc 2016 Bio
LACKNER-TINNACHER

It is a wonderful interpretation rich in spicy notes. This organic sauvignon benefits from a terroir which is exceptional for the fruit. You can perceive elder flowers, bergamot and celery aromas with a distinct mineral input. Persistent in your mouth, the wine juggles between notes of yellow-peeled citrus and aromatic herbs.

93

Sauvignon blanc Hochgrassnitzberg 2015
POLTZ

Remarkably handmade, it stands out in its great cleaning. It is toasted and tannic. Despite this, it shows up pleasantly round. Elder flowers and white-pulped peach aromas are associated with an incisive, determined and unforgettable mouthful. The finish is pleasantly resonating, as an harpsichord.



92+

Ried Steinbach Sauvignon Blanc 2017
LACKNER-TINNACHER

This wine stands out in its elegance and great fineness. It has a spicy aroma with notes of pineapple and undergrowth, whereas its input is pleasant and mineral. The mouth is structured, extremely complex, full-bodied and wonderfully provided not only with acidity and astringency, but also with sweetness.

92+

Sauvignon Blanc Privat 2017
FRAUWALLNER

The aromas of fennel, cucumber, star anise are herbaceous and wooded, deriving from a gentle smoking process. This wine has a persistent fragrance but also a remarkable mineral input. Its mouthful is distinct and definitely vertical, but also of great, smooth creaminess.

92

Gamlitz Sauvignon Blanc 2017
HANNES SABATHI

It presents pineapple, fennel and dill aromas. The sip seems very sapid and apparently too sharp, but then it opens to the palate, giving us a great finish of dogged persistence, as those old memories that, unconsciously, you do not want to let go.

Morillon (Chardonnay)

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Ried Obegg Chardonnay 2015
POLZ

This is an excellent interpretation of chardonnay that represents a mineral, saline ground. It has saffron and peach aromas, whereas the mouthful is intense, full and definitely horizontal. The great persistence on the palate reiterates, as if it were necessary, the outstanding fruit quality.

93

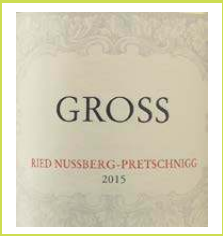
Ried Schusterberg Morillon 2015
MAITZ

Balanced Chardonnay settled in itself in this aromatic, mineral and compact interpretation. You will find quince, tangerine and orange blossoms aromas. The mouth is juicy, elegant and with a thick texture, reminding us of tropical fruit. The persistence is great.

92+

Ried Nussberg Pretschnigg Morillon 2015
GROSS

In this case, an impressive balsamic attack is accompanied by citrus and pink grapefruit aromas. This wine also tastes spicy, with a fierce fruit intensity, even remaining at a high elegance level. You can perceive white-pulped fruit accompanied by the apple dryness and the encompassing honey fragrance in a lingering finish.



92

Ried Pfarrweingarten Morillon 2012
SATTLERHOF

This wine, which aged in oak barrels, provides with mineral richness and natural input. The nose and the mouth perceive a wide range of hints, with toasted traces in the attack. Then, the mouth shows up strongly herbaceous, due to the fruit high alcohol content, which is never excessive.

91

Ried Steinbach Morillon 2017
LACKNER-TINNACHER

This incisive chardonnay interpretation needs 12 months of maturation. The spicy aroma summarizes pear and fuji apple aromas with herbs. You can perceive on the palate white pepper hints and floral notes. The mouth is juicy, round and mineral, with an acid and harmonic body. Then, the finish is intense.

Gelber Muskateller

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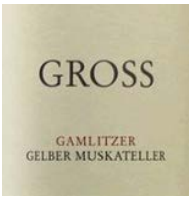
Ried Steinbach Fürst Gelber Muskateller 2017
TEMENT

Density and mineral fullness come directly from the red soils above which these vineyards are grown. An initial light reduction is immediately replaced by citrus and thymus aromas, to introduce a rich and absorbing sip, guaranteed by a substantial spice. The finish is greatly clean.

91

Gamlitz Gelber Muskateller 2017
GROSS

Its explosive aroma has notes of citron and pink grapefruit, and it also stimulates fullness and elegance. It tastes fruity and citrus on the palate, with floral notes that lead to an aromatic, intriguing sip. The finish is soft and cool, including a pleasant acidity that makes the wine perfect for starters.



91-

Ried Grassnitzberg Gelber Muskateller 2016
POLZ

Excellent muscat that appears with an intense yellow-green colour. It has scents of lime, pounded mint, green apple and watermelon. It tastes fruity on the palate, white-pulped with mature nutmeg hints. Its body is rounded and with nice acid tones. It does not look loose and pulpy, but sharp as a knife. The finish is pleasant also thanks to the high alcoholic content.

89

Ried Krepskogel Gelber Muskateller 2017
ERWIN SABATHI

An iodized wave is in direct contact with the ground in this muscat, which benefits from a light transition in the wood. It is green, mineral, dry, salty and provided with "pathos". Exhaustive on the palate, with pepper and spices, it has a fine expressive structure, and it shows up elegant and intense also in the appealing, quite long finish.

88+

Eichberg Gelber Muskateller 2017
SATTLERHOF

It shows up herbaceous, greatly compact and with a nice acid vibration. Its aroma has notes of chives and green apple. The mouthful is of surgical precision, the finish is persistent and of fierce intensity with evident citrus notes and highly, unquestionably drinkable.

Other Wines

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90+

Ried Klaus Weissburgunder 2017
NEUMEISTER

This is a nice pinot blanc from vine variety set on the Ried Klausen, a long ridge at 340 m above sea level, which is characterized by sandstone and chalky sediments. The spontaneous fermentation and the 12 months maturation in big barrels provide distinctive characteristics. Its nose reveals notes of quince and mustard, whereas the palate is clear-cut, mineral, sapid and of good length and vibrant acidity, with clear hints of melon and lime.

87

Ried Buch Weissburgunder 2017
FRAUWALLNER

This charming interpretation is full of tannins accompanied by a rich and sapidly mineral basis for a family-run winery. Its nose reveals melon and just-picked pear, with a nice spicy combination. The mouthful is vertical, intense and very herbaceous.

87

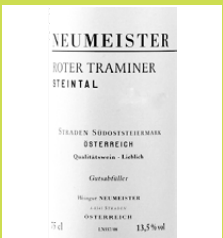
Ried Zieregg Weissburgunder 2015
TEMENT

Mineral contents get on shields for this excellent interpretation from 80s' planted vine varieties. The very fine aroma includes pink grapefruit and green apple. The mouthful is very iodated, sapid and of a major compactness.

91

Ried Steintal Roter Traminer 2017
NEUMEISTER

This is a proudly organic product that seems remarkably mineral, if we take into consideration the marl soils where the vineyards are collocated. Its nose reveals rose petals, ripe peach, mango and ginger. The taste while drinking is herbaceous, intense and elegant, as much as the long finish.

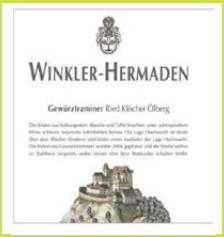


WINE RANKING

90

Ried Klöcher Ölberg Gewürztraminer 2017
WINKLER HERMADEN

It is a comforting gewürztraminer of a stunning colour, lined with shades of ochre, deriving from volcanic subsoil and matured in steel. Its nose reveals bergamot, roses and cloves, a nice acidity and a conspicuous, pleasant residual sugar.



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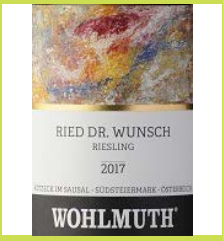
Ried Kirchleiten Traminer 2016
WINKLER HERMADEN

It has aromas of grapefruit, mango and rose flowers, and tannins of great structure on the palate, where which it lays a decisive, refreshing and mineral sip, that reminds us of a summer run on the hills, as the rain has just stopped.

87

Ried Dr. Wunsch Riesling 2017
WOHLMUTH

A high-sea vine variety accompanied by the refinement in old wooden barrels and benefiting from the typical - extreme - slate of the land growing area. Its aromas present hints of rose petals and the taste is very mellow, with apricot notes and intense spices dominating. The finish is pleasantly intense.



89+

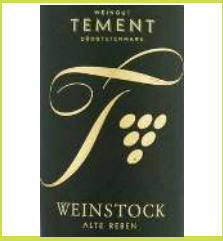
Ried Ottenberg Veitlhansl Welschriesling 2015
TEMENT

It is an herbaceous riesling with a clean, mineral and vibrant aroma. The fine oak appears minerally clayey, as its land, offering aromas and tastes of apple and ripe pear, ignited by fresh spices and freshly cut grass. Long and comforting finish.

89+

Weinstock Alte Reben 2015
TEMENT

A riesling coming from very old vineyards, with limestone and marl substratum and dark fertile soils. Its nose is lively and beautifully elegant, while its taste is clean, with notes of green apple. Its alcohol content invades us with astringency and vibration.



87+

Ried Saziani Grauburgunder 2016
NEUMEISTER

Ripe pear and watermelon (the part close to the skin) aromas enriched by a complex spiced texture for this fascinating and intense wine coming from chulky soils.

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