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Weingut Neumeister 2012 Roter Traminer Steintal

Austria, Austria

White wine from Austria

Drinking window:

The classical nose exudes rose, lichee and a hint of wild honey. Opulent and full-bodied, with generously sweet yellow peach flavor buffered by a rather raw mineral edge. Juicy and well balanced, this is a long-distance runner.

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Grape Variety

other white varietal

Release price

Not Available

Winery/Importer Contact Info



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Weingut Neumeister 2010 Trockenbeerenauslese Saziani Essenz

Austria, Austria

Sweet White wine from Austria

Drinking window:

Rich golden yellow. Sumptuous aromas of tropical fruit, candied lemon, ginger and honeyed botrytis. The opulent fruit nectar is ethereally sweet but not heavy, as a subtle minerality keeps the wine fresh. This is only beginning to shed its baby fat, and will need time to reveal its true nature. Excellent spice on a long, satisfying finish.

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Grape Variety

other white varietal

Release price

Not Available

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90 pt

Weingut Neumeister 2011 Sauvignon Blanc Klausen

Austria, Austria

White wine from Austria

Drinking window:

Pure aromas of elderflower, blackcurrant, gooseberry jelly and mandarin orange. Medium-bodied sauvignon, with juicy acidity refreshing the rather tropical flavors of lichee and mandarin orange. More bracing and delicate at present than particularly generous, this very young sauvignon blanc is a style I like to drink; it leaves me with the desire to have another glass.

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Grape Variety

Sauvignon Blanc

Release price

\$33.00

Winery/Importer Contact Info



90 pts

Weingut Neumeister 2012 Sauvignon Blanc Klausen

Austria, Austria

White wine from Austria

Drinking window:

Juicy gooseberry, cassis, mango, lemon zest and elderflower on the nose. A lively sauvignon tasted from cask that is still a bit closed and awkward. Finishes with a lingering wet stone quality that harkens well for its future.

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Grape Variety

Sauvignon Blanc

Release price

Not Available

Winery/Importer Contact Info



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Weingut Neumeister 2011 Sauvignon Blanc Moarfeitl

Austria, Austria

White wine from Austria

Drinking window:

Concentrated gooseberry jelly is accompanied by plum, acacia honey, green bell pepper and wet slate on the nose. Rich and muscular, with a faint hint of oak, but given grace by harmonious, lively acidity. The long finish harbors notes of blackcurrant, apricot and mango.

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Grape Variety

Sauvignon Blanc

Release price

Not Available

Winery/Importer Contact Info



90 pts

Weingut Neumeister 2011 Roter Traminer Steintal

Austria, Austria

White wine from Austria

Drinking window:

Discreet aromas of yellow plum, rose petal and anise. Spicy and full-bodied, with a refreshing firm structure and considerable appeal. This traminer shows good mineral character, finishing supple, rich and dry.

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Grape Variety

other white varietal

Release price

\$30.00

Winery/Importer Contact Info



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Weingut Neumeister 2010 Trockenbeerenauslese Saziani

Austria, Austria

Sweet White wine from Austria

Drinking window:

Golden yellow. Somewhat musky aromas of dates, figs, candied pineapple and clove rise above the botrytis. Full-bodied caramelized fruits inundate the palate. Succulently sweet flavors pervade the honeyed finish that is keep bright by a saline minerality.

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Grape Variety

other white varietal

Release price

Not Available

Winery/Importer Contact Info



90 pt

Weingut Neumeister 2011 Grauburgunder Saziani

Austria, Austria

Red wine from Austria

Drinking window:

Exotic hints of papaya and melon are complicated by walnut and wild herbs on the nose. Powerful, rich and perhaps still too much marked by its wood, but with bright acidity framing the apricot flavor of pinot gris. Rich fruit lingers on the finish, implying that this wine should benefit from a bit more bottle age.

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Grape Variety

other red varietal

Release price

Not Available

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