

## Weingut Neumeister 2009 Sauvignon Blanc Alte Reben

Straden, Styria

White wine from Austria

91 pts

Drinking window: 2015 - 2020

Pungent aromas of lemon zest, white flowers and talc. Alluringly velvety and focused, showing a subtle sweetness to its citrus flavors. Broad and highly concentrated but still fine-grained, this old-vines Sauvignon Blanc displays a nervy personality, finishing with excellent clarity and a lick of wet stone.

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Bright yellow. Spicy aromas of tangerine, lemongrass, fennel, anise and cardamom, with a subtle floral twist. Tightly wound on the palate, offering citrus and spice flavors and excellent clarity and finesse. Finishes long, saline and slightly phenolic but pure, making this one of the finest Sauvignon Blancs produced in Austria. A special selection from vineyard blocks that were planted in 1967, 1951 and 1937, it is matured for about three years in old oak casks and released late in an old Rhine bottle that the estate once used long ago.

## Weingut Neumeister 2012 Morillon Moarfeitl Grosse Lage

Straden, Styria

White wine from Austria

92 pts

Drinking window: 2015 - 2022

Ebullient aromas of apricot pit, bay leaf, clove and mineral salts. The taut, juicy peach flavor vibrates with refreshing acidity. Pure and dense but still closed, this deceptively long Chardonnay was fermented in 500-liter ovals and then matured in large oak casks because Neumeister does not want any oaky characteristics in this wine.

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"Two thousand thirteen is the best vintage I have ever made," said Christoph Neumeister, who is not known to mince words. While I group his estate with all of the others from Styria, it is technically in Southeastern Styria. The weather here is generally a touch warmer and drier than in Southern Styria, where most of the better-known producers are located. As a result, his wines are less ostentatiously fruity and a touch more compact, and often need more time to open.

Neumeister, who came back to the estate in 2001, now runs the show with the help of his younger brother Matthias. In that time, they have gradually extended their vineyard holdings, scaled back grape purchases and begun converting to organic farming. With relatively long macerations, and the use of wild yeasts and higher temperatures during fermentation, their wines are more phenolic and structured than those of their colleagues but they age well. And even when the Neumeisters harvest late, their wines are seldom high in alcohol.

While their Sauvignon Blancs are generally among my favorites in any given vintage, Pinot Gris--and in particular the Saziani--is gradually becoming the estate's signature wine.

## Weingut Neumeister 2012 Sauvignon Blanc Moarfeitl Grosse Lage

Straden, Styria

White wine from Austria

92 pts

Drinking window: 2016 - 2022

Enticing aromas of nectarine, lime zest and white flowers. Juicy and taut, showing vibrant herbal acidity and a distinctly saline character. Notes of sweet pear, ginger and iodine emerge on the back of the palate. Finishes with excellent depth, clarity and stony persistence. As Neumeister bottles late, this is the Moarfeitl vintage that is currently on the market.

## Weingut Neumeister 2012 Grauburgunder Saziani Grosse Lage

Straden, Styria

White wine from Austria

92 pts

Drinking window: 2015 - 2022

Fresh pineapple, white flowers and vanilla on the nose. A juicy Pinot Gris with a juicy fleshiness to its nectarine and subtle mint flavors. Finishes firm but with appealing spiciness. The Saziani is one of Neumeister's flagship sites.

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92 pts

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## Weingut Neumeister 2013 Gelber Muskateller Klassik

Straden, Styria

White wine from Austria

87 pts

Drinking window: 2015 - 2018

Subtle aromas of elderflower and nutmeg. Lively on the palate, showing a rather withdrawn flavor of white currant. Crisp and herbal on the finish.

## Weingut Neumeister 2013 Morillon Klassik

Straden, Styria

White wine from Austria

88 pts

Drinking window: 2015 - 2018

Aromas of citrus fruits, apricot pit and white pepper. Concentrated and nicely balanced, offering peach skin and lemon zest flavors. This harmonious Chardonnay offers good herbal density and bright acid lift on the finish.

Joel B. Payne. Tasting date: February 2015

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## Weingut Neumeister 2013 Sauvignon Blanc Moarfeitl Grosse Lage

Straden, Styria

White wine from Austria

(92-93) pts

Drinking window: 2017 - 2024

Greenish yellow. Wild scents of pear, beeswax, quinine and lanolin. Citrus and yellow fruit flavors are braced by lively minerality on the palate. With aeration, this wine showed a flinty quality and a saline smokiness. Finishes precise and impressively long. This wine, which I tasted from barrel, has the potential to be the best Sauvignon Blanc Neumeister has ever made.

## Weingut Neumeister 2013 Sauvignon Blanc Klassik

Straden, Styria

White wine from Austria

88 pts

Drinking window: 2015 - 2018

Light, green-tinged yellow. Exuberant aromas of cassis leaf, quinine and white pepper. Juicy and youthfully taut, with citrus flavors accentuated by lively acidity, this animated Sauvignon Blanc finishes with refreshing spice. Neumeister believes that this is the best Klassik he has ever produced.

## Weingut Neumeister 2013 Sauvignon Blanc Klausen Erste Lage

Straden, Styria

White wine from Austria

91 pts

Drinking window: 2016 - 2022

Vivid yellow. Complex aromas of lime, ginger, woodsmoke and quinine. Zesty citrus fruit vie with yellow fruits for dominance on the cool, varietally accurate palate. Dense, succulent and vibrantly chalky, this still slightly austere Sauvignon Blanc finishes with excellent floral persistence.