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The best wines,  
winemakers & wine  
companies of the  
year from Australia  
& New Zealand



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# AUSTRIAN WINE

Heart of Wine. Down to Earth.

...takes a journey, he will have a

...have tales to tell about the breathtaking views and picturesque villages; and of course the

...of Austria work their charming ways throughout

...village lanes in Niederösterreich (Lower Austria) invite, pampering guests with the new vintage culinary treats.

...one's largest Qualitätswein region – where the rolling landscape have been shaped by hundreds of vineyards – include the Wachau valley (a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site) and the discovery of the "experience at the Loisium in Langenlois, Austria" – and somewhat later in the year the "Wine in the world".

...in every season with delicious tastes of the traditional Volcanic Country Ham or pumpkin seed oil.

...Biermark's wine country with a visit to one of

...one spent swimming in Europe's westernmost wine region, promise a renewal of energy in the summer

...ly as "Blafränkischland") and beyond it the rolling hills of magnificent variety and satisfying flavour, wine.

...Vienna remains unique as the only one with a wine culture within the city limits, a presence which adds to the tradition of the Heurigen, the city's inviting wine bars.

...Marketing Board (www.austrianwine.com) will be the place for the savvy traveller and those eager to plan their route-planning for visits to winegrowers and wineries. It offers the chance to become a living part of the wine country. We hope to see you



...or, Austrian Wine Marketing Board



**Weingut Wenzel  
Kaferberg Kamptal  
Gruner Veltliner  
2013 ★★★★★**  
Great "Over-the-top" style according to one judge. Has savoury aromas with botrytis notes and a huge powerful palate that is ripe and complex whilst maintaining varietal integrity. €36 EU

**Laurenz V. Singing  
Niederösterreich  
Gruner Veltliner  
2016 ★★★★★1/2**  
Quite an austere citrus/stonefruit nose with a spicy lift. Light mineral palate. Gentle citrus/stonefruit flavours and great structure provided by tannins and phenolics. €19.95 EU

**Schmelz Best Of  
Smaragd Wachau  
Gruner Veltliner  
2016 ★★★★★1/2**  
A big broader style of wine with rich, ripe tropical fruit aromas showing some pear drops and a big solid, leesy palate, slightly fat, but has the lively acidity to balance it. €26 EU

**Weingut Durnberg  
Rabenstein Reserve  
Weinviertel  
Gruner Veltliner  
2015 ★★★★★1/2**  
An interesting style. Nose dominated by wood with hints of citrus and quinces. The creamy palate shows lots of oak but it is a positive influence. A good food wine. €16 EU

**Weingut Payr  
Rothenberg  
Einzellage  
Carnuntum  
Niederösterreich  
Gruner Veltliner  
2015 ★★★★★1/2**  
Light Nashi pear aromas with hints of apple-like characters. A big, bold and complicated palate dominated by the savoury elements. Needs more time. €40 EU

**Weingut Kurt  
Angerer Loam  
Ried Friesenrock  
Kamptal  
Gruner Veltliner  
2016 ★★★★★1/2**  
Crisp pear-like bouquet with a hint of caramel. A big complex palate with gentle citrus flavours and some old oak. €15.2 EU

**Weingut Rabl  
Kaferberg Alte  
Reben Kamptal  
Gruner Veltliner  
2016 ★★★★★1/2**  
More tropical on the nose with Hessian-like notes. Buttery palate showing some age with bright bracing acidity. €17 EU

**Weingut Bernhard  
OTT Der Ott  
Wagram Gruner  
Veltliner  
2016 ★★★★★1/2**  
Lifted pear-like bouquet with citrus touches. Lifted fruit driven palate with lovely fruit and zesty acid balance. €18.9 EU

**Weingut Pfaffl  
Hommage Reserve  
Weinviertel  
Gruner Veltliner  
2016 ★★★★★1/2**  
Smoky savoury aromas with subtle citrus notes. Broad savoury palate; has some weight. Needs food. €38.9 EU

**Weingut Leth  
Ried Scheiben  
10T Wagram  
Gruner Veltliner  
2015 ★★★★★1/2**  
Candied tropical characters to the nose. Full and luscious in the mouth and rich with caramelized fruit flavours. €25 EU

**Weingut Turk  
Kremser Sandgrube  
DAC Reserve  
Kremstal  
Gruner Veltliner  
2016 ★★★★★**  
Fresh, vibrant bouquet with refreshing flavours and a huge "wall of acid." €15.5 EU

**Schmelz Ried  
Steinertal Smaragd  
Wachau Gruner  
Veltliner  
2016 ★★★★★**  
Hints of tropical fruits on the nose with a big, bold and lively varietal palate. €20 EU

**Weingut Pfaffl  
Hundsleiten  
Reserve Weinviertel  
Gruner Veltliner  
2016 ★★★★★**  
Quite savoury aromas with stonefruit notes and a simple, fresh, creamy peach palate. €22.9 EU

## OTHER WHITE VARIETALS & BLENDS

16 TASTED  
10 AWARDED

A mixed class of interesting varietals with some focussing on depth and character at the expense of the variety.

**Weingut Leth Ried  
Fumberg Wagram  
Roter Veltliner  
2016 ★★★★★1/2**  
Simple and well made with a savoury yet fresh bouquet and good citrusy flavours wrapped around a savoury textured core and phenolics adding interest. High level of alcohol. €18 EU

**Weingut Christ  
Vienna Gemischter  
Satz  
2016 ★★★★★**  
Super fresh grape-like fragrances with a perfumed lift and a tight fresh citrus palate, some florals and light tropical notes. Great quaffer. €33 EU

**Weingut  
Durnberg Falko  
Niederösterreich  
White Blend  
2016 ★★★★★1/2**  
Tropical/lychee fruit dominates the nose with fresh muscat-like flavours on the slightly oily palate with light acidity. €7.5 EU

**Wolfgang Pratsch  
Weinviertel  
Sauvignon Blanc  
2016 ★★★★★1/2**  
Fresh lifted aromas of snap peas and herbs. Lively on the palate with predominant savoury/herbal-like flavours. €7.5 EU

**Weingut Gunter +  
Regina Triebaumer  
Burgenland  
Furmint  
2016 ★★★★★1/2**  
A touch floral on the low key nose. Light and fresh on the palate with zesty fruit and bright acidity. Great aperitif style. €9.9 EU

**Weingut Durnberg  
Falkenstein  
Reserve  
Niederösterreich  
Weissburgunder  
2016 ★★★★★1/2**  
"Yum!" A beautiful melting pot of white stone fruits, strawberries, mushrooms and hints of sage and fennel. €12 EU

**Weingut Umatham  
Gelber & Roter  
Burgenland  
Traminer  
2016 ★★★★★1/2**  
Delightful fragrances of Turkish Delight and ripe citrus palate, a touch oily, with good fruit/savoury balance. €15.5 EU

**Weingut Etz  
Ried Bleckenweg  
Kamptal  
Chardonnay  
2015 ★★★★★1/2**  
Musky peach/melon varietal aromas and an elegant fruit driven palate with well-handled oak and good acid line. €12 EU

**Zantho Burgenland  
Muskat Ottonel  
2016 ★★★★★**  
A fruit bomb of a wine. Lots of lychee, melon and nougat characters with searing acidity. €6.9 EU

**Weingut Kollwentz-  
Romerhof Neusatz  
Burgenland  
Chardonnay  
2013 ★★★★★**  
Gentle soft wood and malo aromas and great biscuity complexity to the palate. €50 EU

**ROSÉ**  
2 TASTED  
2 AWARDED

Excellent result for the two wines here offering two different styles; dry and savoury and lighter, pretty and fruit driven.

**Hopler Celestia  
Burgenland Rosé  
2016 ★★★★★1/2**  
Nose is a vibrant mix of cherries and musk sticks with a dash of pepper. Upfront mix of savoury and red fruit flavours with a sweet centre, crisp juicy acidity and balancing tannins. €19 EU

**Weingut Umatham  
Burgenland Rosa  
2016 ★★★★★**  
Bright pink wine with a vibrant bouquet of strawberries and cherries. Drying cranberry-like palate with firm tannins and high level of acidity. €9.80 EU

**BLAUFRANKISCH & BLENDS**  
13 TASTED  
9 AWARDED

Some excellent wines showing firm tannic characters whilst a few suffered from old oak issues which lowered their "colours".

**Weingut Payr  
Spitzerberg  
Einzellage  
Carnuntum  
Niederösterreich  
Blafränkisch  
2014 ★★★★★**  
A pretty nose of black fruits, cherry blossom, gentle spices and dash of pepper. Loads of cherries and other red fruits on the juicy palate with layers of earthy elements. 5+ €60 EU

**Weingut Kollwentz-  
Romerhof Point  
Burgenland  
Blafränkisch  
2013 ★★★★★**  
Nose is earthy, leathery and savoury with a toffee edge. Still amazingly youthful palate; lots of dark chocolate/olive flavours. Good volume of tannins. "It has at least 10 years in it." €56 EU

**Weingut Kollwentz-  
Romerhof  
Leithakalk  
Burgenland  
Blafränkisch  
2014 ★★★★★1/2**  
Some intense purple fruit fragrances with plenty of spiciness and black pepper. Big young tannic palate; loads of juicy fruit flavours. Plenty more years left in it yet. €22 EU

**Ernst Triebaumer  
Mariental  
Burgenland  
Blafränkisch  
2013 ★★★★★1/2**  
A deep inky licorice/beetroot compote of aromas and an opulent palate loaded with big bold sour cherry-like flavours, very juicy acidity and grippy tannins. €47 EU

**Esterhazy  
Schildten  
Winery  
Leithaberg DAC  
Burgenland  
Blafränkisch  
2013 ★★★★★**  
An earthy nose with herbal blue fruits showing through. Palate is beautifully elegant; a balance between fruit, tannins, oak and acid. €34 EU

**Weingut Umatham  
Burgenland  
Blafränkisch  
2015 ★★★★★1/2**  
"A modern style," noted one judge. Tarry savoury nose with earthy notes and a dark chocolate/cherry palate. €9.8 EU

**Weingut Gunter +  
Regina Triebaumer  
Burgenland  
Blafränkisch  
2015 ★★★★★1/2**  
A good wine with simple red/purple fruit characters on the nose and a creamy fruit driven palate. Some complexity. €10.9 EU

**Weingut  
Gesellmann OP  
Eximium No  
28 Burgenland  
Blafränkisch  
Sankt Laurent  
Zweigelt  
2015 ★★★★★1/2**  
Inky rich fruit aromas with minty hint. Complex layers of red fruit flavours, savoury elements and some earthiness. €19.4 EU



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