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Austria's Best Wines Reviewed and Rated
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WEINGUT GESELLMANN

ORGANIC

In harmony with nature, we want to create wines that are rich in character and typical of the region every year.” This guiding principle has accompanied Albert Gesellmann for years. With the 2015 vintage, the conversion was completed and the first organic-certified wines were put on sale. 45 hectares are an exclusive size, which is specifically aimed at supplying wine lovers all over the world in a limited way, rather than the world market. At the Gesellmann winery, the focus is primarily on local red wine varieties. The “Opus Eximium”, which combines the autochthonous varieties Blaufränkisch, Zweigelt and St. Laurent to an ideal food companion, is the benchmark of the winery. The “G” cuvée also plays a key role: pressed from the Blaufränkisch and St. Laurent varieties, it impresses with its precise clarity, which is deeply refined by ninety-

year-old vines. Since 2005, the “hochberg” has been vinified, a single-varietal Blaufränkisch, which condenses winemaker, variety and region with great finesse. Another top cuvée is the “Bela Rex”, a blend of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, in which the winemaker demonstrates his skills with international grape varieties. The Gesellmanns’ vineyards also offer the best conditions for the creation of white treasures: The Chardonnay Steinriegel impresses with an exciting variety of aromas with fine mineral tones, and the classically vinified Chardonnay also shows the passion of the vintner on the palate.

94 Chardonnay Ried Steinriegel 2020

14 Vol.-%, screwcap, small wooden barrel, €€€€€ €

94 Chardonnay Ried Steinriegel 2019

Bright golden yellow with silver reflections. Tropical fruit

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Syrah

aromas with spicy vanilla and honey blossom; peach, pineapple and a hint of tangerine zest make for an attractive bouquet. Juicy and elegant with pear flavours and a creamy texture and fine structure, this wine has a mineral-salty finish and is already drinking well.

93 Chardonnay Ried Steinriegel 2018

92 Chardonnay 2021

14 Vol.-%, screwcap, partial barrique, €€€ **B**

91 Chardonnay 2020

91 Chardonnay 2019

93 Gemischter Satz hochberc weiß 2020

13,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, partial barrique, €€€€ **B**

92 hochberc weiss Gemischter Satz 2019

92 hochberc weiss Gemischter Satz 2018

92 Sauvignon Blanc 2021

13,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, steel tank, €€€ **B**

91 Sauvignon Blanc 2020

91 Sauvignon Blanc 2019

(93) Blaufränkisch ** Creitzer 2020

13,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, used barriques, €€€€ **B**

94 Blaufränkisch ** Creitzer 2019

93 ** Creitzer 2018

(97) Blaufränkisch hochberc Stockkultur 2018

14,5 Vol.-%, cork, small wooden barrel, €€€€€€ **B**

98 Blaufränkisch hochberc Stockkultur 2017

Deep dark ruby, opaque core, purple reflections, subtle brightening on the rim. Delicate tobacco-balsamic savour-

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Production:

9 % white, 90 % red, 1 % sweet, 45 hectares

Certified: Sustainable Austria **☺**

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iness, blackberry, fine nutty touch, dark minerality, a touch of reduction and fresh note of slate. Complex and mouth-filling, close-meshed with fine sweetness, ripe tannins, mineral and very long. Still youthful with enormous ageing potential.

97 Blaufränkisch hochberc Stockkultur 2016

(97) Blaufränkisch hochberc 2019

14,5 Vol.-%, cork, screwcap, 500-l-barrel, €€€€€€ **B**

97 Blaufränkisch hochberc 2018

97 Blaufränkisch hochberc 2017

91 Blaufränkisch vom Lehm 2020

13,5 Vol.-%, screwcap, large wooden barrel, €€€ **B**

92 Blaufränkisch vom Lehm 2019

91 Blaufränkisch Vom Lehm 2018

(97) G 2018 BF/SL

14,5 Vol.-%, cork, screwcap, small wooden barrel, €€€€€€ **B**


98 G 2017 BF/SL

Deep dark ruby, opaque core, purple reflections, subtle brightening on the rim. Delicately floral underlaid by attractive dark forest berry conserve, fine notes of liquorice and black cherry, subtle noble wood in the background. Substantial, sweet black cherry, a hint of cassis, elegant acidity, seamlessly integrated tannins. Very lively and light-footed, mineral-saltiness on the finish, enormous length, despite its youth already "close to perfection".


97 G 2016 BF/SL

(97) Bela Rex 2019 CS/ME


14 Vol.-%, cork,screwcap, small wooden barrel,

€€€€€ **97 Bela Rex 2018 CS/ME****95 Bela Rex 2017 ME/CS****94 Opus Eximium No 32 2019 BF/ZW/SL**


14,5 Vol.-%, cork,screwcap, small wooden barrel,

€€€€€ **94 Opus Eximium No 32 2019 BF/ZW/SL****93 Opus Eximium No 31 2018 BF/SL/ZW****(96) Merlot 2017****95 Merlot 2015****94 Syrah 2019**

14,5 Vol.-%, cork,screwcap, small wooden barrel,

€€€€€ **93 Syrah 2017****92 Syrah 2016****93 Pinot Noir Ried Siglos 2019**

13,5 Vol.-%, cork,screwcap, small wooden barrel,

€€€€€ **92 Pinot Noir Ried Siglos 2018****91 Pinot Noir Ried Siglos 2017****94 Beerenauslese 2014 CH/SÄ****94 Sämling TBA 2015****95 Sämling 88 TBA 2013**

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