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Single vineyard wines from Kamptal, Austria: tasting some excellent Riesling and Grüner Veltliner from top producers

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The Single Vineyard Scheme, held in September 2013 in Kamptal, was a remarkable opportunity to try a broad range of single vineyard wines from top producers. Kamptal is a cool-climate Riesling producer, I tasted by region, and I thought Zöbl's Weingut is best by a long way. Brandl, Eichinger, Hirsch, Leindl, Loimer, Topf, Weszel and Zöbl are all worth seeking out. Grüner Veltliner is also very good, but Riesling is better. Some of the wines were born in length and pronounced as a white wine concentrated extract, or at least concentration juice.

The Kamptal is one of the Danube region's, neighbours to the Kremstal to the west, and Wachauer and Traisental to the north-west. Map courtesy of Austrian Wine Marketing Board, Austrian Wine.

There are 3000 hectares of vines, and a range of soil types, with Gneiss being the most common. Loess is 1.5 plus ages the Kamptal/Kremstal, the Great Terroirs of the Kamptal's vineyard rules, lists the only villages referred to in Riesling and Grüner Veltliner. Map courtesy of Austrian Wine Marketing Board, Austrian Wine.

Alram

Alram Rust Gemischter Satz Vinthner 2013 Kamptal DAC
Lively, palatable, easy. 13% alcohol. Some depth and texture here with healthy grain and citrus fruit. Amazing is the word for the price. Drink now. 90/100

Alram Rust Gemischter Satz Riesling 2012 Kamptal DAC
Some gloss, 13% alcohol. This is bright and linear with palpitations lemon and lime fruit, as well as good acidity and purity. Very linear and bright. 91/100

Alram Rust Gemischter Satz Riesling Riesling Alte Reben 2011 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13.5% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling has concentration and density. Quite ripe and reduction in scale showing red minerals and high acidity. Compact and quite tart. Light lees. 93/100

Brundlmayer Rust Gemischter Satz Grüner Veltliner 2011 Kamptal DAC
Crystalline notes, dry start. 13% alcohol. Beautifully aromatic with focused white pepper and sarsaparilla fruit. Lovely and pure. Very good. Grüner Veltliner is a good fit for this blend. Drink now and keep. 94/100

Brundlmayer Rust Lamm Grüner Veltliner 2011 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13% alcohol. Some glassiness on the edge here. Intact. Focused and linear with some lees and structure. Very light and fruitless at one stage. 90/100

Brundlmayer Rust Lamm Riesling Grüner Veltliner 2011 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and pear and citrus fruit. This green and chamomile are quite high in the mix. Very good. 93/100

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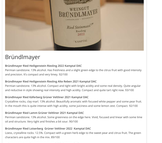
Brundlmayer Rust Spiegel Grüner Veltliner 2011 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and pear fruit. The palate is compact and well with nice intensity, and a fine spicy finish. 91/100

Dolle



Dolle Rust Gemischter Riesling 2012 Kamptal DAC
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Eichinger

Eichinger Rust Landwein Grüner Veltliner 2012 Kamptal DAC
Crystalline notes, dry start. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and citrus fruit. This green and chamomile are quite high in the mix. Very good. 93/100

Eichinger Rust Landwein Riesling 2012 Kamptal DAC
Some gloss. 13% alcohol. Wonderfully minty and mineral on the nose as well as impactful citrus fruit. The palate is intense and mineral with powerful Spanish lemon and lime fruit and perfectly integrated acidity. Very good. 93/100

Eichinger Rust Hochgrassen Riesling 2012 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13% alcohol. Lovely and bright with ripe citrus zest fruit and nice precision. A very open. Fruity style of Riesling with a pure finish. 90/100

Eichinger Rust Lamm Grüner Veltliner 2012 Kamptal DAC
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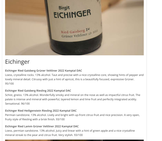
Hiedler



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Hiedler Rust Hochgrassen Riesling 2012 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13.5% alcohol. Bright, lively and focused with a subtle crystalline quality and fresh citrus fruit. Very good. Drink now and keep. 93/100

Hiedler Rust Lamm Grüner Veltliner 2012 Kamptal DAC
Crystalline notes, dry start. 13% alcohol. Has a light sweetness and notes of lime and tart tangerine. Fruity and reasonable with a pleasant edge. 90/100

Hiedler Rust Schimmelberg Grüner Veltliner 2012 Kamptal DAC
Some gloss. 13% alcohol. Lovely and bright with ripe citrus zest fruit. A touch of white pepper and some fancy spice. Drink now and keep. 93/100

Hiedler Rust Steinmassl Riesling 2012 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13% alcohol. Lovely and bright with ripe citrus zest fruit. A touch of white pepper and some fancy spice. Very good. Drink now and keep. 93/100

Hiedler Rust Schwarzenbach Grüner Veltliner 2012 Kamptal DAC
Lovely and ripe fruit. Crystalline. Very good. Drink now and keep. 93/100

Hiedler Rust Schwarzenbach Grüner Veltliner 2010 Kamptal DAC
Some gloss. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and citrus fruit. This green and chamomile are quite high in the mix. Very good. 93/100

Hirsch

Hirsch Rust Gemischter Grüner Veltliner 2011 Kamptal DAC
Crystalline notes. 13% alcohol. Beautiful crystalline detail here with some white pepper and minerals, showing pure citrus and digital precision. Textural and elegant. 94/100

Hirsch Rust Gemischter Riesling 2012 Kamptal DAC
Some gloss. 13% alcohol. Lovely and bright with ripe citrus zest fruit. A touch of white pepper and some fancy spice. Very good. Drink now and keep. 93/100

Hirsch Rust Grüner Veltliner 2012 Kamptal DAC
Crystalline notes. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely, which shows purity and a sweet core of citrus, with some pear notes. Quite dense with a smooth finish. 92/100

Hirsch Rust Riesling 2012 Kamptal DAC
Some gloss. 13% alcohol. Lovely and bright with ripe citrus zest fruit. A touch of white pepper and some fancy spice. Very good. Drink now and keep. 93/100

Hirsch Rust Lamm Grüner Veltliner 2011 Kamptal DAC
Lovely and ripe fruit. Crystalline. Very good. Drink now and keep. 93/100

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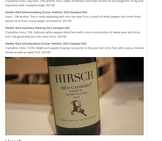
Leindl



Leindl Rust Gemischter Riesling 2012 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13% alcohol. Lovely and bright with ripe citrus zest fruit. A touch of white pepper and some fancy spice. Very good. Drink now and keep. 93/100

Leindl Rust Gemischter Riesling Riesling Alte Reben 2011 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and citrus fruit. This green and chamomile are quite high in the mix. Very good. 93/100

Leindl Rust Grüner Veltliner 2012 Kamptal DAC
Crystalline notes. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely, showing some apple and citrus notes, and fine tracing fruit and focused. 92/100

Jurtschitsch

Jurtschitsch Rust Gemischter Grüner Veltliner 2011 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13.5% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and citrus fruit. This green and chamomile are quite high in the mix. Very good. 93/100

Jurtschitsch Rust Hochgrassen Riesling 2011 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and citrus fruit. This green and chamomile are quite high in the mix. Very good. 93/100

Jurtschitsch Rust Lamm Grüner Veltliner 2011 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and citrus fruit. This green and chamomile are quite high in the mix. Very good. 93/100

Jurtschitsch Rust Lamm Riesling 2011 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and citrus fruit. This green and chamomile are quite high in the mix. Very good. 93/100

Jurtschitsch Rust Steinmassl Grüner Veltliner 2011 Kamptal DAC
Lovely and ripe fruit. Crystalline. Very good. Drink now and keep. 93/100

Jurtschitsch Rust Steinmassl Riesling 2011 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and citrus fruit. This green and chamomile are quite high in the mix. Very good. 93/100

Jurtschitsch Rust Schwarzenbach Grüner Veltliner 2010 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and citrus fruit. This green and chamomile are quite high in the mix. Very good. 93/100

Leindl

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Loimer

Loimer Rust Hochgrassen Riesling 2012 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13.5% alcohol. Bright and quite intense with pure lemon and lime fruit, showing precision and focus. Very good. Drink now and keep. 93/100

Loimer Rust Lössterrassen Grüner Veltliner 2012 Kamptal DAC
Crystalline notes, dry start. 13.5% alcohol. Complex with notes of cabbage and herbs as well as focused citrus and pear fruit. There is a light sweetness and high acidity. Very good. 93/100

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Schloss Gobelsberg

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Premium sensations. 13.5% alcohol. Lovely and bright with ripe citrus zest fruit. A touch of white pepper and some fancy spice. Very good. Drink now and keep. 93/100

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Schloss Gobelsberg Rust Lamm Grüner Veltliner 2011 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13.5% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and citrus fruit. This green and chamomile are quite high in the mix. Very good. 93/100

Schloss Gobelsberg Rust Lamm Riesling 2011 Kamptal DAC
Lovely, palatable, easy. 13.5% alcohol. Good depth and texture here with healthy grain and citrus fruit. Amazing is the word for the price. Drink now and keep. 90/100

Schloss Gobelsberg Rust Steinmassl Grüner Veltliner 2011 Kamptal DAC
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Steininger

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Premium sensations. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and citrus fruit. This green and chamomile are quite high in the mix. Very good. 93/100

Steininger Rust Kittenberg Grüner Veltliner 2012 Kamptal DAC
Crystalline notes. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and citrus fruit. This green and chamomile are quite high in the mix. Very good. 93/100

Steininger Rust Kittenberg Grüner Veltliner Terrassen 2012 Kamptal DAC
Crystalline notes. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and citrus fruit. This green and chamomile are quite high in the mix. Very good. 93/100

Steininger Rust Kittenberg Riesling 2012 Kamptal DAC
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Steininger Rust Lamm Grüner Veltliner 2012 Kamptal DAC
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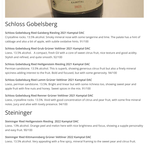
Topf



Topf Rust Gemischter Grüner Veltliner 2012 Kamptal DAC
Lovely, palatable, easy. 13% alcohol. There's a lot of gentleness here, but also some lovely twist citrus and pear fruit and a finely spiced structure showed settling into the mouth. Very enjoyable. 90/100

Topf Rust Hochgrassen Riesling 2012 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and citrus fruit. This green and chamomile are quite high in the mix. Very good. 93/100

Topf Rust Hochgrassen Steinwand Riesling "M" 2012 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and citrus fruit. This green and chamomile are quite high in the mix. Very good. 93/100

Topf Rust Offenberg Grüner Veltliner 2012 Kamptal DAC
Lovely, palatable, easy. 13% alcohol. Good depth and texture here with healthy grain and citrus fruit. Amazing is the word for the price. Drink now and keep. 90/100

Topf Rust Weinzierlberg Spiegel Riesling 2012 Kamptal DAC
Lovely, palatable, easy. 13% alcohol. Good depth and texture here with healthy grain and citrus fruit. Amazing is the word for the price. Drink now and keep. 90/100

Weszel

Weszel Rust Hochgrassen Riesling 2010 Kamptal DAC
Premium sensations. 13% alcohol. Very fragrant and lovely. Riesling is ripe and citrus fruit. This green and chamomile are quite high in the mix. Very good. 93/100

Weszel Rust Kittenberg Grüner Veltliner 2010 Kamptal DAC
Crystalline notes, dry start. 13% alcohol. Some development here with toast and honey, as well as bright citrus and pear fruit. There is a light sweetness and high acidity. Very good. 93/100

Weszel Rust Steinmassl Riesling 2010 Kamptal DAC
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