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Exploring the wines of Styria (Steiermark) in Austria and comes away impressed

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As part of the 2026 ÖTW single-vineyard summit, the members of another similar denomination focused group were invited to a week-long tour of Austria's wine terroirs. This is the Styria (Steiermark) and Burgenland region, which is the country's biggest wine region. Styria is a very diverse region, with a lot of different terroirs, and it produces a number of leader-line wine styles, including Grüner Veltliner from Gleisdorf (Ice Cellar), Sauvignon Blanc (Tri-Area) and Blaufränkisch (Eichberg).

The 29 producers in the ÖTW, which stretches from Styria in the Steiermark and Burgenland, are: Alois Kaiser, Anna Kaiser, Bernhard Ehrenfeldner, Bernhard Ziesel, Bernhard Zweigelt, Brüder Tschermonegg, Christian Ebner, Christian Ebner-Ebenfeld, Christian Tschermonegg, Dorothea Ebner, Erich Sabathi, Erich Sabathi-Ziesel, Erich Sabathi-Zweigelt, Erich Sabathi-Zweigelt Ingrid Sabathi-Ziesel, Fabian Ebner, Franz Ebner, Franz Ebner-Ebenfeld, Franz Ebner-Ebenfeld Ingrid Sabathi-Ziesel, Franz Ebner-Ebenfeld Ingrid Sabathi-Zweigelt, Franz Ebner-Ebenfeld Ingrid Sabathi-Zweigelt Ingrid Sabathi-Ziesel, Franz Ebner-Ebenfeld Ingrid Sabathi-Zweigelt

purity to the mineral edged citrus fruit, with just a hint of green. Amazing detail and refinement. 94/100

Tement Ried Zieregg Kår Sauvignon Blanc 2020
13.5%. Coralline limestone rock. Lovely expressive style with bright citrus and pear, showing a mineral edge and concentrated, refined fruit, finishing bright and a little saline. 94/100

Tement Ried Zieregg Sauvignon Blanc 2020
13.5% Marl on coralline limestone rock. Juicy and mineral with a salty twist to the focused pear and citrus fruit. Nice balance here: good concentration and some generosity to the fruit. 94/100

Tement Ried Zieregg Sauvignon Blanc 2007
Crystalline with a touch of toast as well as lively citrus fruit. Has brightness but also depth with a lovely mineral character. 94/100

Winkler-Hermaden

Winkler-Hermaden Ried Rosenleiten Morillon 2020
13% Tertiary sea and river sediments. Ripe and fruit driven with open pear and mandarin fruit, backed up by good acidity. Juicy and linear with nice weight. 90/100

Winkler-Hermaden Ried Schlosskogel Grauburgunder 2020
13% Volcanic tuff and lake sediments. Ripe with sweet, smooth, finely spiced pear and apple fruit, with a hint of honey and some stoniness. 89/100

Winkler-Hermaden Ried Hochwarth Sauvignon Blanc 2020
13.5% Red basalt. A vivid, fruity, juicy style of Sauvignon with lemon and mandarin fruit. Quite pure and focused with nice weight. Lovely balance here. 91/100

Winkler-Hermaden Ried Hochwarth Sauvignon Blanc 2017
13.5% Red basalt. This shows appealing ripe pear and peach fruit with some soft texture on the mid-palate. A ripe, forward, generous wine. 90/100

Winkler-Hermaden Ried Kirchleiten Sauvignon Blanc 2020
13.5% Tertiary sea and river sediments. Spicy and quite exotic with lovely bright fruit. Finely spiced with pear and peach. Has an ease to it. 91/100

Winkler-Hermaden Ried Kirchleiten Traminer 2020
13% Tertiary sea and river sediments. Highly exotic on the nose with turklish delight and table grapes, leading to a generous but focused spice-laden palate with layeres of detail. 92/100

Winkler-Hermaden Olivin Reserve 2017
Black cherries and some smoke here with nice tannins. There's a spicy quality and a touch of chocolate. Shows freshness, structure and also drinkability. 92/100

Wohlmuth

Wohlmuth Ried Dr. Wunsch Riesling 2022
12.5% Phyllitic red slate with quarzstones. Concentrated, fine and really mineral with fine spices and a vivid core of crystalline citrus fruit. So lovely: this is vibrant and detailed. 94/100

Wohlmuth Ried Steinriegl "Strohbart" Riesling 2021
12% Phyllitic red slate with quartzstones. There's some generosity to the ripe citrus fruit here with a lovely fine spicy framing to the palate. Has a hint of apricot and melon, but it's still well balanced. 93/100

Wohlmuth Ried Edelschuh Riesling 2021
13% Phyllitic black and red slate with quartzstones. Lively and vivid with brisk citrus fruit and some nice mineral characters. Shows depth but also focus with some nice saline twists on the finish. Lovely fruit here. 93/100

Wohlmuth Ried Edelschuh Riesling 2017
Crystalline and fresh with brightness and a distinctive mineral edge. Has lime, spicy, good acidity and great precision. 93/100

Wohlmuth Ried Sausaler Schlössl Sauvignon Blanc 2021
13% alcohol. Phyllitic black and red slate with quartzstones. Good concentration with weighty pear and citrus fruit, showing a bit of richness. Full and rounded with nice depth to it. 92/100

Wohlmuth Ried Hochsteinriegl Sauvignon Blanc 2021
13% Phyllitic red slate with quartzstones. Nicely balanced with good concentration to the ripe pear, peach and citrus fruit, as well as a hint of apple. Bold, smooth fruit with real appeal. 93/100

Wohlmuth Ried Edelschuh Sauvignon Blanc 2021
13% Phyllitic black and red slate with quartzstones. Textural and expressive with nice weight of pear and peach fruit. This expresses the ripe side of Sauvignon, showing good concentration and generous fruit. 93/100

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