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# Austria's single-vineyard releases in 2023 – Riesling and other white varieties

*Riesling from STRIEGL vineyard Lerchenberg in Gumpoldskirchen in Carnuntum, Lower Austria, also included from an online focus session with other Riesling and Gemischter Satz producers on 20 and 21 Jan 2023 by Zoom or Teams, as well as Pinots and Chardonnays from Burgenland, Styria and Carnuntum. Tasting notes by Jancis Robinson and Paula Solloro. Photo courtesy of Austrian Wine/Wolfgang Wolfgang.*

**Julia Ardnt** is with the Colour Publishers, Paula and I spoke the Riesling to the CEW tasting in Lagos. I focused on Kamptal and Wien, while Paula tasted Burgenland, Kamptal, Traisental and Wagram. Thermenregion and Leithaberg whites, plus Pinots Gemischter Satz, were also on the table, while Karlo Polanc Wagram was there for Riesling.

Most of the wines reviewed tastes are from the 2021 and 2022 vintages, which Paula considered very good, with the 2021 vintage being more classic and the 2022 vintage showing Riesling was unique in the same conditions for two successive years, although it was different because it is clear Riesling's and a Sauvignon Blanc, Kaan Grüner Veltliner.

Paula: Although I tasted Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay, I focused on the dry side of the tasting but continuous sample Riesling from the Wachau and Kamptal, Kaan Kremstal Gemischt Satz and the Gaisbühel of Paul Gruber's Grüner Veltliner. Overall, the 2021 vintage was more classic, with more acidity and more mineral character, which made it typical Riesling. Some Riesling from the Wachau and Kamptal were more recognizable as Riesling, Gemischt Gemischt Gemischt

Edition: Silvaner ÖTW Kabinett Riesling 2021 Silver 16.5

*Hazelnuts, bread and yeast aroma, pear, pear, pear

not yet fully meshed. Lots of spice and vibrant freshness. Wait. (JH) 13%
Drink 2025 – 2035

### Wieninger, Rosengartel 1ÖTW 2022 Wiener Gemischter Satz 16.5

*Nussberg. South- and south-east-facing at 211–235 m on calcareous sandstone with a lot of quartz. Certified organic (EU BIO) and biodynamic (respekt-Biodyn).*
Even on the nose there is an impression of depth and weight. Spiced, creamy, ripe pears. Then on the palate, there's marked zesty freshness, with a more lemony character and a lightly chalky texture. Pure, dry, chewy on the finish. Powerful in a slightly austere way on the palate, and with all the freshness of the 2022s. (JH) 13.5%
Drink 2025 – 2030

### Wieninger, Ulm 1ÖTW 2021 Wiener Gemischter Satz 17

*Nussberg. South- and south-east-facing at 207–251 m. Lots of limestone, sandstone subsoil. Certified organic (EU BIO) and biodynamic (respekt-Biodyn).*
Deep, beguiling aroma of spice, ripe pears and a mealy/leesy savoury character. Yet with air, it opens to a hint of fragrant white blossom. A spicy powerhouse on the palate. A benchmark 2021 in its richness and freshness combined. A big wine but not aggressive. Sustained, spicy finish. (JH) 13.5%
Drink 2025 – 2035

## Zierfandler

### Johanneshof Reinisch, Spiegel 1ÖTW Zierfandler 2022 Thermenregion 17

*Gumpoldskirchen. South-east-facing at 258–304 m on medium-deep loam. Certified organic (EU BIO).*
Ripe and gloriously aromatic with citrus, just-ripe apricot and fresh herbs. Powerful and deep, with the vintage's characteristic freshness that keeps it beautifully in shape. Really piercing, long finish. (JH) 14%
Drink 2024 – 2030

### Stadlmann, Igeln 1ÖTW Zierfandler 2022 Thermenregion 17

*Traiskirchen. South- and south-east-facing at 222–239 m on calcareous clay with limestone sand. Certified organic (EU BIO) and sustainable (Nachhaltig Austria).*
Intense aroma of citrus and peach. Smells as if it will taste fresh, and it does, even with the firm, gently chewy texture. The acidity brings this into great balance. Long, direct and precise. (JH) 14%
Drink 2024 – 2029

### Stadlmann, Mandel-Höh 1ÖTW Zierfandler 2022 Thermenregion 16.5

*Traiskirchen. South- and south-east-facing at 238–253 m on calcareous clay with limestone sand and gravel. Certified organic (EU BIO) and sustainable (Nachhaltig Austria).*
Herbal citrus aroma – a little less ripe than the Stadlmann Igeln. More stony/mineral. Dry and tight on the finish. Needs time. (JH) 13.5%
Drink 2024 – 2028



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