
Heinrich Hartl Pinot Noir Classic

Winery: Heinrich Hartl
Category: Wine – Still - Red
Grape Variety: Pinot Noir
Region: Oberwaltersdorf/ Thermenregion/ Austria
Vineyard: Kräutergarten
Feature: Sustainable
Awards: 2015 92 pts WE



Product Information

Soil: Kräutergarten in Oberwaltersdorf, meagre alluvial soils with high limestone content

Vinification: Vinification Harvested by hand, destemmed, 50 % whole berries, half with spontaneous fermentation. Pressed ten days after the start of fermentation. Élevage twelve months half-and-half stainless-steel tank and used wooden casks.

Tasting Notes: The entry-level player in the Pinot pageant presents itself in medium-intense brick red with a broad meniscus. The aromatic nose is quite catching with its cherry fruit, raspberry compote and a subtle smoky note, which comes back in the finish redolent of cedar (think of Grandpa's humidor!). The rather firmly structured palate shows the dark cherries once more, with bits of pepper and bitter chocolate chiming right in. The wine has definite power and medium length; thanks to its soft and ripe fruit the Pinot Classic is already great to drink, although it will develop and come together even further

Alc: 13.5 %vol.

Residual Sugar: 3.2 g/l

Acidity: 4.7g/l

Producer Information

Weingut Heinrich Hartl III is located in the Thermenregion in Lower Austria, a sun-rich district south of Vienna. The area is influenced by both the Pannonian and Continental climatic zones. Here the summers are relatively warm and dry, but the winters are cold. The scraggy soils of the 40-acre estate are dominated by fast-draining limestone in Steinfeld (Oberwaltersdorf) and by shell limestone on brown earth in Pfaffstätten and Gumpoldskirchen. Rotgipfler, a regional specialty, together with St. Laurent and Pinot Noir, are the estate's flagship varieties. Five generations of the Hartl family shaped and formed the estate before responsibility was handed over to the 20-year-old Heinrich only 11 years ago. In recognition of his role and achievements, the winery is now known by his name.

»Heinrich Hartl is one of Austria's real rising stars – an exciting and considered young winemaker, who is producing very elegant, individual and expressive wines from relatively unusual local grape varieties, such as Rotgipfler and St Laurent.« *Ken Mackay MW, Chef-Wine Buyer at Waitrose/UK.*

In terms of landscape, geology and climate, **the Thermenregion** is comparable with Burgundy. The similarities extend further: in both regions winemaking was promoted throughout the Middle Ages by religious orders of monks. Discoveries from Roman and even Celtic periods reveal, however, that the region's winemaking history extends back at least two millennia. The Thermenregion: Extraordinary wines from autochthonous varieties.