



Weingut Steininger Brut Sekt

Winery: Weingut Steininger
Category: Wine – Sparkling - White
Grape Variety: Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc and Pinot Noir
Region: Langenlois/ Kamptal/ Austria
Vineyard: Vineyards around Langenlois
Feature: Sustainable
Winery established: 1989
Awards: 2013 90 pts WE

Product Information

Soil: Loess and clay

Vinification & Yield: The grapes are hand-harvested in the middle of October with best physiological ripeness. One third Chardonnay that was aged in small oak barrels, one third of fruity Pinot Blanc in stainless steel and one third Pinot Noir that was pressed white and stored in small oak barrels. After the second fermentation the sparkling wine ages for about 18 months on the yeast. The goal is to underline the varietal character.

Tasting Notes: Rich yellow color with complex scents of marzipan, pear and banana with nutty overtones, brioche and refined bouquet of mocha cream. This wine has a noble balance between the three grape varieties of Burgundy (Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc and Pinot Noir).

Sekt: The year 1989 was a milestone – we started with the traditional bottle fermentation. We created an Austrian sparkling wine philosophy by using only typical Kamptal varieties. In the classic line the secret of success is based on two factors: on the one hand the high quality of the base wines, which present themselves clear, fruity and aromatic and on the other hand the gentle second fermentation in the bottle. Both factors together match the character of each variety and the flavor profile of the base wine.

Alc: 13.5 %vol.

Residual Sugar: 5.5 g/l

Acidity: 5g/l

Producer Information

This family run winery is situated in the biggest wine growing village, Langenlois, deep in the beautiful Kamptal Valley, Austria. This region is one of the most prestigious in Europe for rich and savory Grüner Veltliner. When Karl Steininger took over his parent's farm in 1980, he was "just" a farmer. His young bride, Brigitta, had grown up on a winery, and soon Karl found himself in oenology school, then launching the winery in 1989. The estate has 62 acres. The Steininger's family tree has a winemaker on almost every branch. This family history is a badge of honor for many great winemakers, including Karl, and it is what drives him on to ensure his wines are the best possible representation of their land. Karl's chief lesson to his children, the next generation of winemakers at Weingut Steininger, is that good wine cannot be rushed. It must be given the time it needs to develop, mature and evolve into the beautiful drink in front of us today. Perhaps it's no surprise then that Philip Blom, the Austrian wine critic calls his Grüner Veltliner "a wine of aristocratic elegance".

The name Kamptal refers to the Kamp river. This beautiful area is filled with culture and tourism, which are enhanced by the numerous Heurigen, wine taverns and Vinotheques. Karl Steininger is one of the initiators of the Loisium. The wine project is nestled in the vineyards of Steininger Winery.