



Weingut Steininger Zweigelt Sekt

Winery: Weingut Steininger

Category: Wine – Sparkling - Red

Grape Variety: Zweigelt

Region: Langenlois/ Kamptal/ Austria

Vineyard: Vineyards around Langenlois

Feature: Sustainable

Winery established: 1989

Product Information

Soil: Loess

Vinification & Yield: The grapes are hand-harvested in the middle of October with best physiological ripeness. The base wine was aged in large used barrels. After the second fermentation, the sparkling wine ages for around 18 months on the yeast. The goal is to underline the varietal character.

Tasting Notes: Dark red color, fruity taste of cherries, plums and herbs. Red sparkling wine – unconventional and rare. Very pleasant and seductive in its dry finish. A niche product. Zweigelt is the most important red grape in the area, Professor Zweigelt lived in Langenlois!

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 classical 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: 8 g/l

Acidity: 4.5 g/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.