



Leo Hillinger Pinot Noir “Secco”

Winery: Leo Hillinger

Category: Wine – Sparkling - Rose

Grape Variety: at least 85% Pinot Noir

Region: Burgenland/Austria

Vineyard: Altenberg, Lehmgrube, Gmärk, Goldberg

Feature: Certified Organic since 2013

Winery established: 1990

Product Information

Soil: Slate. South, South-West facing

Elevation: 155 meters (510 feet)

Age of vines: 16 years

Vinification: Methode saignée, Still wine fermented with cultural yeasts in stainless steel tank, CO₂ subsequently injected, filtered, bottled under pressure.

Yield: 7,000 kg/ hectare, 4,500 vines/hectare

Tasting Notes: The fragrance is reminiscent of strawberries, and the palate is refreshing with a very elegant bead. Fruity and delicate, the wine's acidity is well integrated and the finish harmonious.

Pink Ribbon: For 7 years, the Hillinger winery in Austria has supported breast cancer by donating €10,000 euro each year with their pink ribbon label Secco.

Alc: 12 %vol.

RS: 18g

Acidity: 6.7g

Producer Information

The Hillinger winery organically farms roughly 220 acres of vines in the Burgenland specifically around the villages of Rust, Oggau and Jois. In doing so the winery is one of the larger Austrian producers of high quality wines, producing over a million bottles from a fairly even mix of white (grüner, welschriesling, pb, pg, sb, ch & gelber) and red grapes (zweigelt, blaufränkisch, st. laurent, pinot noir, syrah, cabernet & merlot).

This all came from very humble beginning with Leo Hillinger taking over his father's small wine business in 1990. His father was essentially making three wines in bulk, red, white and rose. Leo very quickly began to change and develop operations through the acquisition of good vineyard sites, increased technology, and care taken in the vineyards with full conversion to organic practices in 2010.

"If the grape material is top quality, less has to be done in the cellar. After many years of experience and numerous experiments I know: The fruit must be perfect and should reach the bottle not having been tampered with." Leo Hillinger

The Burgenland is unofficially known as the red wine quarter of Austria, however the white wines produced in the are can be exceptional as well. This is largely do to the diversity of soils (black and brown sedimentary soils, clay, limestone, and varying types of slate) as well as the plentiful sunshine (almost 2000 per year) and warmth that the Pannonian region experiences.