



Leo Hillinger Small Hill Red

Winery: Leo Hillinger
Category: Wine – Still - Red
Grape Variety: 50% Merlot, 25% Pinot Noir, 25% St. Laurent
Region: Burgenland/Austria
Vineyard: flatter sides in Andau
Feature: Certified Organic since 2013
Winery established: 1990



Product Information

Soil: Sandy, loam and gravel sites in flat area. South, South-East exposure.

Elevation: 120 meters (390 feet)

Age of vines: 25 years old

Vinification: Green harvest in August, machine harvest in September. 100% de-stemmed. Each varietal fermented separately with cultural yeast in stainless steel tanks, 10% matured in used barrique casks, course filtered and bottled.

Tasting Note: Intensive ruby-red color with purple rim, in the nose hints of dark berries and chocolate. On the palate a full bodied, balanced and harmonic impression with lots of dark berry fruit ending in a smooth and moderate finish.

Alc: 13 %vol.

RS: 5.1 g/l

Acidity: 4.5g/l

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.