
Netzl Zweigelt Classic

Winery: Netzl
Category: Wine – Still - Red
Grape Variety: Zweigelt
Region: Göttelsbrunn/ Carnuntum/Austria
Vineyard: Holzweg
Winery established: in 1860 as multi-purpose farm
Feature: Organic farming
Awards: 90 Wine Enthusiast (2017)



Product Information

Soil: Calcareous loess. This vineyard is mainly influenced by the Pannonian climate, which leads to very ripe grapes with good tannins, high ripeness, and intensive and fresh cherry aromas. This in combination with the cool influences of the close river Danube and nutritious loess soils are ideal conditions for the Zweigelt grapes.

Exposure: North-West

Elevation: 198 meters (650 feet)

Age of vines: 10 years

Vinification: Hand harvest in 2nd week of September. Fermentation in stainless steel at 80F, 2-week maceration. Malolactic fermentation in big old oak vats and aged afterwards in large oak vats for 6 months.

Yield: 6,500 kg/ha

Tasting Note: Ruby-garnet color, typical cherry-fruit in the nose, some spice, elegant and smooth on the palate, youthful and charming.

Production: 25,000 bottles/ year

Alc: 13.5%

RS: 1.0g/l

Acidity: 5.3g/l

Producer Information

The Netzl farm is located in the village Göttlesbrunn in the Austrian wine region of Carnuntum and has history going back to 1860. The farm spent many years as a small multi-use farm. The shift-of-focus to grape growing happened in the 1980s when Franz and Christine Netzl took over the farm from Franz's father. Currently the farm consists of 69 acres, most of which are devoted to grape growing. In 2007 Franz and Christine's daughter Christina finished her studies in International Wine Management and Marketing and began to work with her parents at the winery. The Netzl philosophy has always been to work in unison with nature and preserve the health of the soils for future generations and with Christina's influence a soft change to organics began in 2010. Beginning with the 2018 vintage the organic certification process was started.

While red wines, specifically made from zweigelt, make up the majority of the Netzl vineyards, visitors are consistently taken with their white wines as well. The climate in the Carnuntum during the growing season is typically warm and dry in the late summer and fall. This combined with cooler nights and frequently steady winds, enhances the Netzls ability to make both red and white wines that show freshness, spice, structure and complexity both aromatically and on the pallet. The Danube River to the north creates the cooling effect while the Pannonian Lowlands and Lake Neusiedl to the southeast help to keep the late summer and early fall days warmer. The soils in the Netzl vineyards range from loess to gravel as well as bits of clay.