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## Anton Bauer Blaufränkisch Reserve “Artist”

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**Winery:** Anton Bauer  
**Category:** Wine – Still - Red  
**Grape Variety:** Blaufränkisch  
**Region:** Feuersbrunn, Wagram, Austria  
**Vineyard:** Lanner, Spiegel and Rosenberg  
**Feature:** Sustainable  
**Winery established:** 1992 under Anton Bauer



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### Product Information

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**Soil:** Loess, loam, primary rock

**Age of vines:** planted in 1993/ 1994

**Vinification:** Hand harvest, grape and single berry selection. Fermented and aged on the yeast in new Barrique in Allier und Troncais for 20 months.

**Tasting Notes:** Dark ruby with nearly opaque core, violet highlights and a thin, transparent rim. Dark berry fruit, black berry jam and dark minerals. A juicy, sweetly extracted core is elegantly wrapped in harmonious tannins. The long finish has textures of dark fruit and notes of gianduja.

**Artwork:** by American artist Joanne Roberts Wittauer

**Production:** 2,000 bottles

**Alc:** 14 %vol.

**Residual Sugar:** 1g/l

**Acidity:** 5g/l

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### Producer Information

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Anton Bauer, born in 1971, represents the 4th generation to manage the now 86-acre winery. After completing his degree in Krems and an internship in Burgundy, he spent more than four years as an oenologist in a renowned Lower Austrian wine-growing business. In 1992, he took over the parental winery with then 8 acres, and pursued since then uncompromisingly his idea of quality. It is important to him to work out the region's typicality, the terroir character of the wines, which make them unmistakable and in-exchangeable. Anton has been focused on producing wines based on the beautiful terroir of his region, the Wagram. The Wagram is a 25-mile long and 100-foot-high ridge between the towns of Krems and Tulln. The soil primarily consists of ancient old gravel sediments known as loess.

Anton Bauer relies exclusively on traditional manual harvesting at his winery - and he has good reasons for doing this. The winery offices and stock room are located in the center of Feuersbrunn/Wagram, where the Bauer family has owned an old winery for generations. The vinification of the wines is carried out in a new modern winery outside of Feuersbrunn. The latest technology is obligatory as well as meticulous cleanliness. The continuous cultivation of the vineyards is one of the prerequisites for producing high-quality grapes. Anton Bauer puts much emphasis on exact working methods, an integrated grape production that protects beneficial insects and the moderate use of pesticides. A healthy soil enriched with humus provides the basis for the deep rooting vines, trimming during the summer months and yield reduction further contribute to receiving ripe grapes of best quality. The physiologically ripe grapes are handled as gently as possible and are of course 100% picked by hand. As a next step the grapes are selected on a sorter belt by a camera. A long period of extensive contact with the yeast makes the wines harmonious, ensuring that there is a better balance between acidity and alcohol. As the wines are bottled relatively late they can mature slowly. And that is exactly part of Anton Bauer's philosophy: Things need time to develop, and wine needs time as well. **Falstaff Magazine voted Anton Bauer "Winemaker of the year 2017"**