
Steindorfer Apetlon Rouge

Winery: Steindorfer
Category: Wine – Still - Red
Grape Variety: 40% Blaufränkisch, 30% Zweigelt, 30% St. Laurent
Region: Apetlon/ Burgenland/ Austria
Vineyard: Illmitzerweg
Winery established: 1896
Feature: Sustainable
Awards: 91 Wine Enthusiast (2017)



Product Information

Soil: Topsoil consists of mineral, rich black earth, subsoil with several layers of sandy loam. The vineyard is located next to the winery on the way to the village Illmitz and therefore it is called Illmitzerweg. The family calls it “Moms Vineyard” as it is Rosa Steindorfer’s favorite vineyard.

Elevation: 117 meters (383 feet)

Age of vines: 21 years

Vinification: Hand harvest in third week of September. Grape and single berry selection. Fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks at about 86F, spent 10 days on the skins before pressing. Aged afterwards for 17 months on the yeast in used barrique.

Yield: 6,000 l/ha.

Tasting Note: The bouquet is a lovely mix of red berry fruit and black pepper spice. The wine has a good acidity and elegance on the palate. A very nice medium-bodied red for everyday drinking.

Alc: 13.5 %

RS: 1.3 g/l

Acidity: 4.9 g/l

Producer Information

The Steindorfer winery is a small family operation with 25 acres located in the village of Apetlon in the Seewinkel region of Burgenland (northern shore of Lake Neusiedl). The Steindorfer family has been engaged with wine for four generations, starting in 1896 with the grandfather of the current winemaker Ernst Steindorfer. Currently Ernst' son Roland is beginning to take on all management of the winery under his father's helpful and watchful eye.

The Steindorfer vineyards are found both around the village of Apetlon as well as near the Lake Neusiedl shore. These two areas offer all the Steindorfers need to make their wines. The vineyards near the lake have perfect conditions for all levels of sweet wines due to the warm, shallow lake and its special highly humidity microclimate, which encourages the formation of noble rot. While the vineyards in and around Apetlon are perfectly suited to dry, intense reds from zweigelt, blaufrankisch and st. laurent as well as fresh, mineraled and beautifully aromatic whites from pinot gris, welschriesling and chardonnay. Soils range from loess, to densely packed black earth, old sedimentary and sand. Total annual production is only 80,000 bottles.