
Heinrich Hartl St. Laurent Classic

Winery: Heinrich Hartl

Category: Wine – Still - Red

Grape Variety: St. Laurent

Region: Oberwaltersdorf/ Thermenregion/ Austria

Vineyard: Ried Kräutergarten in Oberwaltersdorf

Feature: Organic



Product Information

Soil: Ried Kräutergarten in Oberwaltersdorf, meagre alluvial soils with high limestone content

Elevation: 214 meters (702 feet)

Age of vines: 12 – 21 years old

Vinification: Harvested by hand, destemmed, 70% destemmed and crushed, 30 % whole berries. 50% spontaneous fermentation, 50% fermented with cultured yeast. 16 days on skins, then pressed gently. Élevage eight to twelve months 10% in used barriques and the rest in stainless-steel tanks.

Tasting Notes: Dark ruby red with blue highlights. An intense perfume of dark berries, black heart cherries, bitter chocolate, and some liquorice. On the palate, lots of ripe berry fruits, plum compote, sour cherries and some delicate herbal and black tea notes. Bitter chocolate in the finish and just some ripe tannin to give all the juicy fruit a little grip. Mouth-watering length and freshness.

Alc: 12.5 %

RS: 2.6 g/l

Acidity: 5.0g/l

Producer Information

The Hartl farm is located in the Thermenregion which borders Vienna to the north and the Leithaberg range to the east. The regions two major climactic influences come from these two boarder areas; cooler winds from the north and the warmth of the Pannonian Plain to the east.

Like many wineries in Austria, the Hartl farm began as a mixed crop farm. In the last few decades it has turned towards a clear focus on grapes with roughly 40 acres currently planted. The current caretakers of the Hartl farm are Heinrich Hartl III and his wife Maria-Sophie. Heinrich and Marie-Sophie have traveled the world of wine and possess a very open-minded prospective. They value the exchanging of views with colleagues, business partners and friends both at the winery and around the globe. With their own wines they try to capture the beauty and richness of the Thermenregion all the while trying to make it accessible to wine lovers seeking something truly unique. To this end the Thermenregion is very distinct in terms of the grape varietals that flourish. The primary white varietals are Rotgipfler and Zierfandler. These grapes are unique and almost exclusive to the Thermenregion. While Sankt Laurent and Pinot Noir are the focus in the region as far as red varietals. Two different terroirs allow Heinrich & Maria-Sophie to draw on almost unlimited resources when it comes to micro-climates; their vineyards are spread out between Oberwaltersdorf (scanty, fast-draining limestone, hence Steinfeld) and on the Anniger-slopes around Gumpoldskirchen (loam-rich clay, sandy loam and brown earth with high shell-limestone content).