



“GEORGE’S Austrian Affair...”

Continuing to mid-October 2010

Austrian winemaking has one of the oldest and most distinguished histories in Europe. There is archaeological evidence of wine making dating back over 4000 years and proof of Grüner Veltliner vines being planted along the Danube during the Roman Rule.

After WWI, Austria was the third largest wine producer in the world. After a run of favourable years, the industry suffered in the early 1980s. As a result, Austria now has the highest winemaking standards in the E.U. It is at the forefront of biodynamic practices and one of the most exciting and important regions on our list. Please enjoy our selection of Austrian wines by-the-glass this fall at GEORGE.

AUSTRIAN WINE

Whites:

2008 Pinot Gris, "Meinklang", Michlits Werner, Burgenland 7~3oz/ 13~6oz/ 55~btl
A great biodynamic wine. These wild bush vines give way to crisp bosc pear and plush, textured juice.

2008 Grüner Veltliner, Nikolaihof, "Hefeabzug", Wachau 8~3oz/ 16~6oz/ 66~btl
Lime zest, quince and a steely acidity with a hint of flint-smoke/wet stone. Elegant Grüner.

2008 Rotgipfler, Stadlmann, "Tagelsteiner", Thermenregion 9~3oz/ 18~6oz/ 75~btl
A rare varietal with intense structure. Fresh nectarines and white flowers on the nose lead to an oily texture and gripping acidity. Fans of Alsace will fall in love.

2007 Grüner Veltliner Smaragd, F.X. Pichler, Wachau 14~3oz/ 27~6oz/ 115~btl
A significant Grüner, scented with rhubarb, snap peas, and sweet tobacco. Fat and glossy textured, yet refreshing. Full of luscious melon fruit that finishes with pungent smokiness, white pepper, citrus zest, and crushed rock. This jewel hails from Pichlers renowned 'Urgestein' vineyard.

2008 Nussberg, "Grande Reserve", Weingut Zahel, Vienna 11~3oz/ 22~6oz/ 87~btl
A rare field blend of 9 varietals from one Vienna's most famous vineyards. An infant wine, with vibrant aromas of peach, pomegranate and ocean air. The palate is unctuous and mineral with a ripe apricot finish.

Reds:

2007 St. Laurent, Gernot Heinrich, Burgenland 11~3oz/ 22~6oz/ 80~btl
Jimson's favourite is back! Velvety smooth with a black cherry core and roasted herbs on the nose. A close relative to Pinot Noir, makes this one of the most food friendly wines on the list.

2007 Blaufränkisch, Gernot Heinrich, Burgenland 8~3oz/ 16~6oz/ 63~btl
Quaffable and classy. Bright flashes of blackberries, baby powder and juicy plums.

Ian Thresher, Sommelier