

Rotspon Reserve 2018

Qualitätswein, Niederösterreich 🇦🇹

Origin:	Austria, Kamptal, Langenlois
Quality grade:	Qualitätswein
Site:	vineyard selection
Normal	Niederösterreich
Classification:	
Site Type:	hilly land
Varietal:	Zweigelt 85 % Cabernet Sauvignon 10 % Merlot 5 % 30 - 50 years
Geographical Orientation:	south east, south
Sea Level:	240 - 300 m
Soil:	loess large top soil lime medium top soil lime medium sub soil



Weather / Climate

Vintage description:

In 2018, we experienced one of the longest summers in recent weather history, with temperatures reaching 30°C as early as April. The high temperatures and increasing dryness shaped the year, but there were no major incidents like frost or hail. Despite the challenges, we were rewarded with excellent quality and good grape yields. The winter started normally with rain and snow, but it became very cold at the end of February, which delayed the bud break. In April, the second warmest in 251 years, the vines began flowering by mid-May – nearly three weeks earlier than usual. On August 16th, we began harvesting the first grapes to create the base for sparkling wines. The high temperatures led us to harvest in the early mornings and transport the grapes in small crates. After three days of rain in early September, the harvest was paused to wait for the flavor of the berries to return. We carefully selected only the best grapes to enter the cellar. Perfect harvesting conditions with cool nights followed, which enhanced the aromatic profile of our Erste Lagen wines. We finished harvesting the Grüner Veltliner by the end of September, while the Riesling grapes at Heiligenstein ripened for another week. The last ten days of harvest were dedicated to the noble rot grapes for our sweet wines.

Cellar

Harvest:	handpicked
Fermentation:	spontaneous
Malolactic Fermentation:	yes
Mash Fermentation:	complete destemming Stems: 0 % wooden fermentation stand 2 week(s) 50 % squashed Stems: 100 % 4 week(s) 50 %
Maturing:	small oak barrel 300 L used barrel 15 month(s) small oak barrel 300 L new barrel 15 month(s)
Bottling:	natural cork

Data

Wine Type:	Still wine red dry
Alcohol:	13.5 %
Acid:	5.5 g/l
Residual Sugar:	1 g/l
Certificates:	organic
Allergens:	sulfites
Drinking Temperature:	15 - 17 °C
Aging Potential:	high (15 years)
Optimum Drinking Year:	2019 - 2033

Wine Description

Only the very best grapes are selected for this elegant red wine. The cuvée of Zweigelt (80 %), Cabernet Sauvignon (10 %) and Merlot (10 %) shows aromas of dark wild berries combined with silky tannins. A substantial wine with very good ageing potential.

Winery

The Jurtschitsch winery, situated in Langenlois, is one of the most prestigious wineries in Austria which impeccably displays Austrian wine culture at its best. Alwin and Stefanie Jurtschitsch having been leading the family estate for some time now and have managed to reinterpret premium wine in their own way. For the two of them this means vinifying authentic, complex and terroir-specific wines with cool, elegant stylistics - in other words, permitting the different appellations in Langenlois to express themselves individually.