

LEO HILLINGER



BURGENLAND, AUSTRIA

The Burgenland region is situated in the furthest eastern point of Austria, on the border with Hungary, a country with which it interlocks like puzzle pieces.

With a total of 32,000 acres under vine, this area is known as Austria's red wine country, with grapes such as blaufränkisch, St Laurent and Pinot Noir reigning supreme. That being said, some Grüner Veltliner can also be found here in a much riper style than would tend to be found in Lower Austria.

Burgenland is home to a number of different climates and offers a range of terroirs within its five sub-regions (Leithaberg DAC, Neusiedlersee DAC, Mittelburgenland DAC, Eisenberg DAC and Rosalia DAC). The Leitha Range, Lake Neusiedl and the heavy clay soils of Mittelburgenland all provide unique settings and conditions from which to make wines that are completely different from one to the next.

ORIGIN

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VARIETY

Small Hill Red

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50% Merlot, 25% Pinot Noir and 25% St. Laurent

VINEYARD

The grapes are sourced from estate vines planted in the sandy, loam and gravel sites. The vineyards enjoy a south by southeast exposure at an average elevation of 390 feet above sea level.

PROCESS

The fruit is destemmed and each varietal is fermented separately with cultured yeast in stainless steel tanks. 10% of the wine matured in barrique and lightly filtered before bottling.

TASTING

Intense ruby-red color with a purple rim. The nose hints of dark berries and chocolate. The palate is full bodied, balanced and harmonic with lots of dark berry fruit ending in a smooth and moderate finish. Supple enough for a Pinot drinker who wants something darker, gutsy enough for a Cotes du Rhone fan. A great all-purpose cookout, party and solo sipper

WINERY

In 2004 Leo HILLINGER, the winery, was born. Leo purchased a mere 12 hectares in Burgenland with a vision to be an organic farmer, an ambassador to Burgenland and Austria abroad, and a dynamic entrepreneur. Today the winery is well known not only for their sparkling pink 'Secco' wine, but for their commitment to the health of the vineyard soil and to the health of their country for the next generation. Leo now manages over 300 acres with certified organic production.