



STEININGER



KAMPTAL, AUSTRIA

Along with its neighbors Wachau and Kremstal, Kamptal completes Austria's triple crown of prominent wine regions along the Danube in the country's northeastern section. The region's bisected by the river Kamp, a tributary of the Danube that has left deposits of sandstone, loess, and gravel in the soil. This diversity enables Kamptal to produce some of Austria's best Gruner Veltliner and Riesling.

With warm days influenced by the hot Pannonian plains in the east and cool nights brought on by colder air from the north and northwest, Kamptal has a suitably balanced climate for long-ripening, aromatic whites with hyper-focused fruit. The major town here is Langenlois, perhaps Austria's most important wine town and a source of wines of excellent quality and surprising value.

ORIGIN

KAMPTAL | LANGENLOIS, AUSTRIA

DESIGNATION

Reserve Sparkling Wine

VARIETY

100% Riesling

VINEYARD

From estate vineyards grown on soils of primary rock covered with loess. Average vine age of 30 years.

ABOUT

In 1989 Karl Steininger started with the traditional bottle fermentation for his Sekt. He created an Austrian sparkling wine philosophy by using only typical Kamptal varieties. In the classic line the secret of success is based on two factors: on the one hand the high quality of the base wines, which present themselves clear, fruity and aromatic and on the other hand the gentle second fermentation in the bottle.

PROCESS

The grapes are hand-harvested in the middle of October with best physiological ripeness. The base wine is aged in stainless steel. After the second fermentation in the bottle, the sparkling wine ages for at least 24 months on the yeast.

TASTING

Medium yellow-green, silver reflections. Fine white peach nuances, a hint of passion fruit, approachable bouquet. Tight, close-knit, vineyard peach, freshly structured, present sweetness of honey and apricot in the finish.

WINERY

The family-run winery Steininger is situated in Langenlois in the Kamptal Valley. Lower Austria is well-known for the Grüner Veltliner and this is also the strength of the winery. Grüner Veltliner represents about 80% of their production. It can be found in different styles, from a light summer wine to powerful and voluminous full bodied wines as well as dessert wines.