

Styria

Winegrowing area:

Approximately 2,400 hectares in size and cultivated by about 950 winegrowers, the region is located to the south of the Leibnitz district. The winegrowing region ranges from Leibnitz along the river Mur towards Spielfeld on the Austrian-Slovenian border all the way to Schlossberg near Leutschach. Major winegrowing areas are Gamlitz, Leutschach, Glanz, Ratsch, Ehrenhausen, Silberberg, Spielfeld and Kitzack im Sausal, which is the highest winegrowing area in the whole of Austria due to its extremely steep location. Southern Styria wine country produces some of the most high-quality white wines in Austria, but over the last few years red wine has been increasingly catching up.

Schauer Vineyard

The Schauer Vineyard is situated in the southern Styria region of Sausal, in Kitzack. Winemaker Stefan Schauer took over his parents business in 2010 and has been running it ever since with his brother Bernhard who is in charge of marketing and operational management. They are actively supported by their parents Elisabeth and Karl, particularly in the tavern and the guest house. Located between the rivers Sulm and Lassnitz, Sausal has just slightly more to offer than other winegrowing regions: more rain, more sun and cooler temperatures at night. The soils boast an exceptionally high level of shale.

The vineyards are 19 hectares in size and are cultivated almost exclusively on shale soils, some of which are on slopes with a gradient of up to 65%. Shale lends the wines a smoky, mineral and aromatic taste.

Wine recommendations:

2015 White Burgundy Sausal dry	0.2 L/0.75 L	9.00/30.00
2015 Sauvignon Blanc Schiefergestein	0.2 L/0.75 L	11.00/39.00

Typical regional dishes:

Marinated mackerel with apple, red onions and sour cream	13.00
A variation on Angeln Saddleback pork with grilled courgettes, small roasted potatoes and apple chutney	24.50
Venison served two ways in chanterelles, cherries with pepper, dumplings and pumpkin seeds	33.50