

Leth

GRUNER VELTLINER RIED BRUNNTHAL ERSTE LAGEN - 2019

REGION: AUSTRIA - WAGRAM



LETH

Established in the early 1960s, Weingut Leth has become a renowned winery in Fels am Wagram in just three generations. The Leth family are members of the *Traditionsweinguter Osterreich* (association of traditional wineries in Austria), and believe it is their obligation to express the characteristics of their region, their soils, their climate, their grape varieties and cellars in their wines. Franz Leth, Franz Jr. and the entire Leth family are committed to these ideals.

The Wagram region of Austria is home to Europe's most extensive loess soil formations. The region formed when glacial winds blew fine particles of agglomerated clay, sand and lime – loess – onto the prehistoric bedrock of the ancient course of the Danube river. The layers are up to 20 meters deep, and enable vine roots to delve deeply and absorb water and nutrients from the mineral-rich subsoils. Combined with the benevolent climate and wide temperature variation from day to night, perfect conditions combine to create unique terroir wines.

THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

Brunnthal vineyard is situated on the top of the hillside of Fels au Wagram.

- Altitude: 300 meters
- Exposure: Strictly South
- Soils: pure Loess, rich in limestone
- Huge diurnal temperature swings provide intense fruit aromas
- Vine age: 35 – 50 years
- No herbicides for 25 years
- No pesticides for 10 years
- Loess terroir and green cover crops eliminate need for irrigation and fertilizer, following organic standards with full Bio certification from 2021

Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested and berries selected by hand
- Gentle whole cluster pressing by pneumatic press
- Skin contact for 3 hours
- Settling for 12 hours
- Clear juice fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks using selected yeasts
- After 5 weeks wine racked with full yeast into large Acacia barrels
- Aged on lees approximately 9 months
- Bottled in August

Winemaker's Notes

Medium green-yellow color. Apricot and yellow apple with delicate notes of tobacco, herbal and peppery spice comprise a multifaceted bouquet. Full bodied and complex with passion fruit and pepper flavoring the firm mineral structure. Displays finesse and character, authentic in style, mirrors perfectly the chalkiness of the terroir.

Technical Information

- 100% Gruner Veltliner grapes
- Alcohol: 13.5%
- Total Acidity: 5.7 g/l
- Residual Sugar: 1.2 g/l
- Certified Sustainable Austria wine

REVIEWS

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93 Points - Wine Enthusiast, March, 2021

The scent of ripe yellow pear blends with rich, creamy yeast notes on the nose. There is a real pithiness and a slight but pleasant bitterness on the palate that is reminiscent of Russet pear peel. All this is made more vivid and intense by ripe lemon freshness. This is beautiful, textured and concentrated.

16 Points - JancisRobinson.com, September, 2020

Calcareous and silty soil, wide temperature variations. Screwcap. Fresh pears on the nose, ripe stone fruit. Lots of white pepper. Light and dancing on the palate. Not particularly intense or long, but all in harmony. 2021 – 2024

93 Points - © Wine Advocate, December, 2021

From highly calcareous and silty soils in a vineyard that is characterized by extreme temperature amplitude between days and nights, the 2019 Ried Brunnthäl 1ÖTW Grüner Veltliner opens with really coolish, precise and herbal fruit on the elegant, coolish-flinty and calcareous nose. Silky and charmingly elegant on the palate, this is a rich and powerful, fleshy, juicy and structured Grüner that is remarkably finessed and finishes with fine salinity, delicate tannin structure and fine bitters. Excellent indeed. 2024 – 2035

GENERAL INFO

Country	Austria
Region	Niederösterreich
Appellation(s)	Wagram
Proprietors	Franz Leth Family
Founded	1960
Winemaker	Franz Leth Jr.
Annual Production	25,000 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Sustainable