Schauer
RIESLING KITZECK-SAUSAL - 2022

REGION: AUSTRIA - SÜDSTEIERMARK

SCHAUER

On some of the highest and steepest winegrowing slopes in all of Central Europe, where winegrowing was documented as early as 1757, a pair of brothers continue their family tradition. Bernhard and Stefan Schauer have taken over the reins of their family's winery and brought their own passion to this corner of Südsteiermark in southern Austria. Records in the village church document the early winemaking of the Schauer family. Once a farm of mixed agriculture, the crop is now grapevines. Grown on the top of hillsides, the vines thrive in the slate and schist-rich soil. Since the beginning, there has always been a Schauer family winemaker overseeing viticulture and winemaking in Kitzeck-Sausal. Both the great-grandfather and grandfather of the present generation were farmers and made wine. In 1980, Karl Schauer completed the conversion of all farming to grapevines. In 2010, he passed primary responsibility for the estate to sons Stefan and Bernhard. The brothers are passionate winegrowers who always work together, in the vineyards, in the cellar, or in their parents' Buschenschank (traditional Austrian wine tavern) and guesthouse. Stefan is the winemaker and runs the winery with Bernhard, who handles marketing and all administration. They have grown the winery quickly in the past several years: from 25 acres /10 hectares in 2010 to 70 acres/28 hectares in 2019.

THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

Preferred estate vineyards in Kitzeck-Sausal, Südsteiermark.

- Altitude: 1380-1900 feet/420-580 meters
- Exposure: South, Southwest
- Soil: Red slate from steep slopes
- Climate: Cool alpine influences from the North and West with abundant sunshine and very cool nights

Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested in early October with strict berry selection
- Fermented in stainless steel tanks using only indigenous yeast
- Aged 10 months in tank on fine lees

Winemaker's Notes

Youthfully fresh stone fruit notes underpinned by aromas of salty lime and slate minerality. Distinctive fruit-acid interplay on the palate with a fruity, mouthwatering finish.

Technical Information

- 100% Riesling
- Alcohol: 12.5%
- Certified Sustainable Austria wine

GENERAL INFO

Country	Austria
Region	Styria
Appellation(s)	Südsteiermark
Proprietors	Bernhard & Stefan Schauer
Founded	1757
Winemaker	Stefan Schauer
Annual Production	8,333 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Sustainable