

# Schauer

## SAUVIGNON BLANC KITZECK-SAUSAL

### - 2019

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**SCHAUER**  
Südsteiermark

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. Stefan went to school for viticulture, then worked for wineries in Italy and the Wachau before returning home. Bernhard studied hospitality, then spent a year in Britain, another on a cruise ship, and then in the Austrian

## THE WINE

### Vineyard Profile

Four estate vineyards in Kitzeck-Sausal, Südsteiermark.

- Altitude: 450 -570 meters
- Soils: Slate
- Aspect: Southeast, South, Southwest
- Sites: Steep slopes
- Climate: Cool alpine influences from the North and West

### Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested in mid-late September
- Manual berry selection
- Indigenous yeasts only
- Spontaneous fermentation and aging in large oak barrels (500 – 2000 L)

### Winemaker's Notes

This Sauvignon Blanc grows in our preferred, high altitude estate vineyards within Kitzeck-Sausal. Always elegant and full of finesse, this wine is characterized by intensity, coolness and spiciness. Kitzeck-Sausal has been a highly valued origin for wine since the Austro-Hungarian monarchy.

### Technical Information

- 100% Sauvignon Blanc grapes
- Alcohol: 12.5%
- Total Acidity: 6.1 g/l
- Residual Sugar: 1.2 g/l
- Certified Sustainable Austria wine

## REVIEWS

### Sauvignon Blanc Kitzeck-Sausal – 2019

#### 93 Points - Wine Enthusiast, March, 2021

Flinty, smoky reduction and green nettle unite on the nose. The palate supports its inherent freshness with a wonderfully creamy vein. With more temperature and air, gorgeously ripe Mirabelle shines though and completes that nettle, citrus and fruit trinity.

## 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