

Schauer

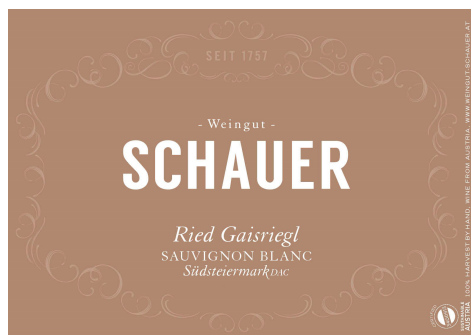
SAUVIGNON BLANC RIED GAISRIEGL - 2020

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SCHAUER

Südsteiermark

REGION: AUSTRIA - SÜDSTEIERMARK



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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 Kitzack-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

The oldest, largest and most important estate vineyard of the Schauer family in Südsteiermark.

- Altitude: 450 – 570 meters
- Exposure: South
- Site: Steep – Terraces
- Soil: Red slate

Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested
- Manual berry selection
- Fermented in 500 liter used oak barrels for using only indigenous yeast
- Aged 18 months in barrels, including 14 months on lees

Winemaker's Notes

The Gaisriegl vineyard has been in the family for the longest time and is the origin of Schauer's winemaking tradition. This steep and south-facing slope yields the house's greatest wines.

Deep dark Sauvignon aromas on the nose with smoky spicy elements. On the palate, plenty of structure without being obtrusive. The wine is balanced and dense with a salty finish.

Technical Information

- 100% Sauvignon Blanc
- Alcohol: 13%
- Certified Sustainable Austria wine

REVIEWS

Sauvignon Blanc Ried Gaisriegl – 2020

90 Points - Wine Enthusiast, December, 2023

A touch plumper in feel than most, but still racy, with a streak of tarragon running through the white asparagus, verbena and Meyer lemon notes. The long, pure finish lets a straw edge chime in, bringing a savory edge.

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