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SAUVIGNON BLANC RIED GOLDES - 2018

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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 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

- Soil: Sand and loam
- Aspect: South
- Altitude: 380 -420 meters
- Site: Hillside
- Vine age: 11 years
- Yield: 4500 liter/Ha
- Goldes is in the neighboring commune of Grossklein/Eichberg. This mountain basin site, with sandy soils and clay layers enables full-bodied, aromatic wines that can be enjoyed younger.

Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested end of September
- Manual sorting
- Native yeast fermentation, 70% in large used wood barrels, 30% in stainless steel tanks for 1 – 2 months
- Maturation for 8 months in same vessels
- Part undergoes malolactic fermentation
- Bottled in May 2019

Winemaker's Notes

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Technical Information

- 100% Sauvignon Blanc grapes
- Alcohol: 13%
- RS: 1.4 g/L
- TA: 5.8 g/L

REVIEWS

Sauvignon Blanc Ried Goldes -2018

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Sourced not in Kitzreck-Sausal but on sandy and loamy soils in the neighboring commune of Grossklein and vinified in stainless steel, the 2018 Sauvignon Blanc Ried Goldes displays a deep but somewhat loud and upfront, spicy-aromatic bouquet of ripe peaches and yellow plums intermixed with vegetal and herbal aromas. Lush and elegant on the palate, this is a fruity, well-balanced and accessible Sauvignon from a warm, well-protected single vineyard shaped like a basin. The wine is aromatic and fresh and already drinks perfectly well. Good length.

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