

Leth

GRUNER VELTLINER RIED STEINAGRUND - 2019



REGION: AUSTRIA - WAGRAM



LETH

Established in the early 1960s, three generations of the Leth family have worked tirelessly to establish Weingut Leth as a renowned Fels am Wagram winery. The Leth family are members of the Traditionsweinguter Österreich (the association of traditional wineries in Austria). They strive to convey the highest and best characteristics of their region, their soils, their climate and their grape varieties through the wines they produce. Franz Leth, Franz Jr. and the entire Leth family are committed to the deepest expression of place.

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 65 feet/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.

Throughout the winery's history continuing to the present, the family Leth farms and produces wines with passion, idealism and innovation.

THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

Steinagrund is a fully terraced hillside. "Steinagrund" translates to "stony ground."

- Vine age: 30 years
- Altitude: 721-919 feet/220–280 meters
- Aspect: South
- Soils: Stony, gravelly soil, slightly to deeply covered with loess
- Sustainable agriculture – "Certified Sustainable Austria" certificate
- No herbicides for 25 years
- No insecticides for 10 years
- Plant protection follows organic standards, full bio certification from 2021

Harvest Notes

- Harvested by hand with strict grape selection, eliminating grapes with Botrytis
- 2-3 hours of skin contact, then gently cluster pressed
- 12 hours settling, clear juice fermentation with selected yeasts in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks
- After 5 weeks, racked with full yeast into large Acacia barrels and aged until April
- Bottled in first part of April

Winemaker's Notes

The bouquet promises fresh fruits and ripeness as well: yellow apple, honey melon and a hint of quince. On the palate a classic Grüner Veltliner, rich in fruit, a peppery spice, charming and full of finesse

Technical Information

- 100% Gruner Veltliner grapes
- Alcohol: 12.9%
- Acidity: 5.9 g/l
- Residual Sugar: 2.0 g/l

REVIEWS

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93 Points - Wine Enthusiast, March, 2021

A hint of peardrop appears first on the fresh nose before green pear and lemon take over. On the palate, there is a whole world of pepper and lemon pith, held in a taut, tight and concentrated fashion that makes this variety such a joy.

91 Points - jamesuckling.com, September, 2020

This is very steely with green apples and lightly spiced pears and lychees. Attractive fruit. Medium body and creamy texture. Turns lightly smoky at the end. Drink now.

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