

Leth

RIESLING KLASSIK - 2020



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 Osterreich (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

Vineyards in the first terraces at the foot of the Wagram hillside, Fels am Wagram village.

- Altitude: 656-721 feet/200-220 meters
- No herbicides used in vineyard for 25 years
- No pesticides for 10 years
- Loess soils and terrior, and green soil covering eliminates need for irrigation and fertilizers
- Following organic standards, Formal Bio certification from 2022

Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested and berries selected by hand without Botrytis
- Destemmed, skin contact for 8 hours
- Gentle pneumatic pressing, then 12 hours settling
- Clear juice fermentation using only natural yeasts in controlled temperature stainless steel tanks
- Aged on fine lees for 2 months
- Racked and bottled in February 2021

Winemaker's Notes

Fine harmony in the nose: stone fruit with lots of peach, yellow fruit and grapefruit. Elegant complexity of fruit with light herbs and spice on the palate, some almost stony hints, typical for this variety. Enjoy fresh.

Technical Information

- 100% Riesling grapes
- Alcohol: 12.5%
- Total Acidity: 7.6 g/l
- Residual Sugar: 5.4%
- Certified Sustainable Austria wine

REVIEWS

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90 Points - Wine and Spirits, April, 2022

Fresh, floral, spicy and lemony, this is a hearty, concise Riesling, firm and generous and ready for anything.

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