



A premium-class red wine from Austria

Anton Bauer from the Lower Austrian winemaking area of Wagram has once again achieved top international ratings. In addition to his famous Grüner Veltliners, a Blaufränkisch scored particularly well for him this year. An especially noteworthy achievement for a region known primarily for its whites.

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When thinking of the Wagram with its extensive yellowish loess soil, one thinks primarily of the white wine varieties Roter Veltliner, Grüner Veltliner, and Riesling. Few people know that formidable red wines also thrive there. One outstanding winemaker from this region with great reds is Anton Bauer from Feuersbrunn. For example, the renowned American magazine Wine Enthusiast has just awarded 97 out of 100 points to his 2017 Blaufränkisch Reserve Limited Edition, and ranked it as a "Cellar Selection". This score is defined as a "great achievement," and the Cellar Selection highlights wines with exceptional aging potential, which according to taster Anne Krebiehl MW will extend to 2040. A true collector's wine, then!

Master of Wine Anne Krebiehl on the 2017 Blaufränkisch Reserve Limited Edition: "Tasting for Wine Enthusiast means tasting blind. And it is wonderful when a truly spectacular wine pops up in my daily line-up. Revealing which label hides behind the black cover is also wonderful – and when I saw that the wine was from Anton Bauer, I was not completely surprised. There is a certain elegance that seems to come naturally here. Well done!" Incidentally, Wine Enthusiast's "Great Achievements" also include Bauer's 2019 Grüner Veltliner Ried Spiegel with 94 points, and the 2018 Grande Reserve Grüner Veltliner with 96 points, which was also ranked among the Cellar Selections with an aging potential through 2040.

2017 Blaufränkisch Reserve Limited Edition (in the USA: 2017 Reserve Artist Blaufränkisch). Grown on deep loamy loess soils in the south-facing Ried Rosenberg vineyard, which is influenced by northerly cooling winds. This wine was fermented on the mash in a concrete egg, and then came to maturation for 36 months in Bordeaux barrels (Darnajou). This wine is available at a direct sale price of 32.80 euros per bottle.



Wine Enthusiast. Founded in 1988, Wine Enthusiast Magazine is the world's largest wine publication, with a regular print run of 250,000 copies. With its online portals, newsletters, and printed magazine, it reaches around 2.3 million wine lovers around the world. Master of Wine Anne Krebiehl tasted for Austria until the end of 2020.

The Anton Bauer Winery. In 1992, this internationally renowned winemaker took over his parents' winery in the Wagram with just 3.2 hectares of vineyards. Today, this quality fanatic manages around 30 hectares of Feuersbrunn vineyards. His most important single-site vineyards are called Rosenberg, Spiegel, Kirchthal, and Gmirk. Anton Bauer's most famous white wine is his Grüner Veltliner Grande Reserve, but he has also made an international name for himself with his Pinot Noirs and Blaufränkisches. In 2017, Anton Bauer was named Falstaff Magazine's Austrian Winemaker of the Year. In addition to his penchant for Burgundian styles, he's also enthusiastic about the maturation of Riesling and Pinot Blanc in concrete eggs.

The Wagram. A 40km long and up to 30m high elevation between Krems and Tulln about 100km northwest of Vienna, which consists of gravel deposits, seashell remains and fossils from the Urdonau (the archaic Danube River complex), thousands of years old. The storms of the Ice Age deposited loess on the southern slopes of these gravel mountains at the edge of the Wagram, which gives the landscape its character and fertility to this day. Loess is a homogeneous, unstratified pale yellowish-gray sediment consisting mainly of silt (unconsolidated clastic sediments and fine soils of various origins) but granite formations are also occasionally found on the Wagram. In terms of soil and climate, the Wagram is a very homogeneous winemaking region with around 2,800 hectares of vineyards, that has enjoyed the status of a designated winemaking area in its own right since 2007.

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2019 Grüner Veltliner Ried Spiegel: € 15,80
2018 Grande Reserve Grüner Veltliner: € 28,30

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