

A Message in a Biodynamic Bottle

The biodynamic vintners' groups Demeter Austria and respekt-BIODYN are teaming up. At the Viennese wine fair VieVinum they invite to a joint tasting.

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The aim is a regenerative and sustainable viticulture. The label under which this happens is of secondary importance. This is how more and more winegrowers are seeing it, as well as the renowned biodynamic associations Demeter Austria and respekt–BIODYN. For several years now, they have been offering joint training and events, supporting each other and exchanging ideas. At the VieVinum wine fair in Vienna, wine experts can soon get to know the wines of eight member wineries from each of the two associations in a tasting led by Monty Waldin. The British author and expert on biodynamic viticulture will use the wines to address fundamental questions about this viticultural method. "A Message in a Biodynamic Bottle" will take place on Monday, 23 May, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Rittersaal at Vienna Hofburg. The event for trade visitors is free of charge, registration by email at seminar@respekt-biodyn.bio.

The participating Demeter members. Rudolf Fidesser, Robert Gassner, Niki Moser/Sepp Moser, Manuel Ploder/Ploder-Rosenberg, Niki Saahs/Nikolaihof, Georg Schmelzer, Johannes Trapl, Johannes Zillinger.

The participating respekt members. Clemens Busch, Kurt Feiler Feiler-Artinger, Michael Goëss-Enzenberg/Manincor, Fred Loimer, Hansjörg Rebholz, Alexander Sattler/Sattlerhof, Fritz Wieninger, Emilio Zierock/Foradori.

Monty Waldin. Leading expert on biodynamic and sustainable viticulture, author and journalist (Decanter Magazine, Oxford Companion to Wine by Jancis/ Robinson MW, Julia Harding MW; ...). chateaumonty.com

Demeter Austria. The guidelines for biodynamic agriculture, based on the Agricultural Course of anthroposophist Rudolf Steiner, have existed for just under a hundred years. The first three Demeter wineries were certified in 1999, and today around 80 winegrowers work according to their guidelines, many of them utilizing mixed farming. They cultivate their vineyards as living farm organisms – individually adapted



to the respective terroirs, and covering a total area of around 800 hectares. The spokesman for this winemakers' group is Niki Moser of the Sepp Moser estate. demeter.at/wein

respekt-BIODYN. This association is based in Austria and as of 2022 has twenty-eight members with thirty-one estates in Germany, Italy, Austria, Slovenia, and Hungary. It was founded in 2007 with the aim of striving together for ever greater quality and individuality in wine. Michael Goëss-Enzenberg of the South Tyrolean Manincor estate heads the association as chairman, his deputy is the Kamptal winemaker Fred Loimer. respekt-BIODYN has established itself internationally in recent years alongside Demeter and Biodyvin as an important and driving force in biodynamic viniculture. In total, respekt members cultivate an area of about 1.010 hectares. respekt-biodyn.bio

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