



A wine lovers' festival above the rooftops of Vienna

As part of VieVinum 2026, The LOFT Rooftop Restaurant & Bar once again became a gathering place for an international wine-loving crowd. At the side event "WINE ON TOP powered by Kalk&Kegel", guests enjoyed fine wines, spectacular views over Vienna and an atmosphere that blended urban casualness with the finest in culinary delights. The evening was thus once again one of the highlights of the wine fair.

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As always, there were numerous events taking place around the recently concluded VieVinum in Vienna, which many consider to be the finest wine festival in the world. And then there was 'Wine on Top'. This side event to the fair took place for the third time at the Das LOFT bar in the SO/ Vienna hotel - with a breathtaking view through the glass façade down to St Stephen's Cathedral and across the city to the still snow-capped Schneeberg mountain on the horizon. After an intense day at the Hofburg, more than 300 guests from all over the world took the lift to the 18th floor of the building to taste, toast and celebrate late into the night with a select group of Austrian winemakers.

Christian Klaus, host and general manager of the venue, said: "Wine on Top had exactly the kind of energy that you simply can't stage. Winemakers, sommeliers, industry professionals and international guests, all coming from different backgrounds. And suddenly you're sitting together high above the rooftops of Vienna, tasting, chatting, laughing and completely losing track of time. That's exactly the kind of evening Das LOFT was made for."

It was therefore no surprise that enthusiastic feedback soon began to pour in from the international trade audience, comprising representatives from the press, the wine trade, the restaurant industry and the sommelier community. One such response came from Shiva Chaurasiya, Best Sommelier of India and sommelier at 67 Pall Mall Singapore: "Wine on Top was a great event with the most amazing view over Vienna and featuring the best Austrian winemakers, such as Rainer Wess, Christian Tschida, Trummer and many more. I really loved the wine selection and the winemakers' philosophy. Thank you for this event - I'm already looking forward to 2028!"



The celebrations took place high above Vienna by night, accompanied by wines from renowned Austrian vineyards: Christina Wess, Christian Tschida, Clemens & Lukas Strobl, Doktor Wunderer, Ernst Triebaumer, Gernot & Heike Heinrich, Gross, Jürgen Trummer, Schödl Family and Stefan Wellanschitz/Kolfok, as well as AMAX by Maximilian Steiner, Franz Messeritsch Wine Selection and the Wacholderbär Organic Gin Bar. Head chef Peter Duransky created a flying dinner experience to accompany the wines, ranging from kohlrabi and sea bass to Angus beef, whilst head sommelier Tomas Hynek later served his personal wine highlights to the beats of DJ Captain Iglo. Given the evening's success, it comes as no surprise that there is already talk of a follow-up to Wine on Top 2028.

The list and contact details of the "Wine on Top" wineries can be found on page 4.

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