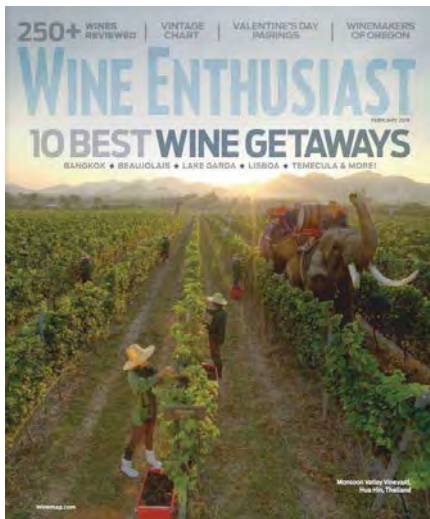


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Netzl 2017 Ried Bärreiser Anna-Christina
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Plus 3 wines have 95 points:
Anton Bauer Grüner Veltliner Grande Reserve

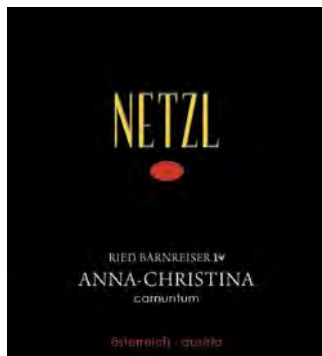
Netzl Anna-Christina Cellar Selection
Jalits Diabas Blaufränkisch,

which also is a **Editors' Choice** .

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POINTS

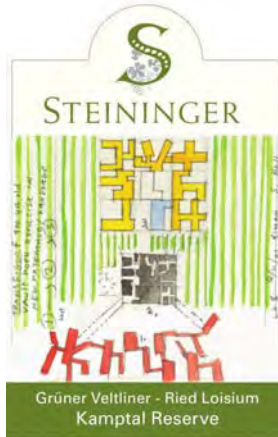
Netzl 2017 Ried Bärreiser Anna-Christina (Carnuntum) . Dark plum, chocolate and graphite on the nose still need to unfurl fully. The dense palate, filled to the brim with these flavors, is tightly wound and bound in its firm but fine structure of drying, taut tannins. This is elegant, sinuous and serious—serious in intent, and serious in the pleasure it offers. Drink 2025–2040. KWSelection.com. Cellar Selection. —A.K.
abv: 14% Price: \$69



93

POINTS

Steindorfer 2017 Reserve Blaufränkisch (Burgenland). A ripe black-cherry aroma dominates the nose. The palate channels the same lovely fruit and frames it with firm, fine tannins and pervasive freshness. A cinnamon note shimmers in the background and joins a peppery note on the finish. Warmth and volume are palpable but countered by the fresh, dry finish. KWSelection.com. —A.K. abv: 14% Price: \$34



93

POINTS

Steininger 2018 Ried Loisium Reserve Grüner Veltliner (Kamptal). A hint of ripe red apple plays alongside peach on the nose, projecting both ripeness and freshness. The palate also plays this dual theme, where freshness is accentuated by breezy citrus zestiness. A wonderfully textured mouthfeel with a salty, sage-accented flavor provides a backdrop to the fruit and guarantees length. KWSelection.com. —A.K. abv: 13.5% Price: \$25

GRÜNER VELTLINER SMARAGD - Wachau



94

POINTS

Tegernseerhof 2018 Ried Höhereck Grüner Veltliner Smaragd (Wachau)

Pithy, concentrated citrus and ripest, juiciest pear meet on the nose. The palate also gives this dual combination of concentrated contour and slightly bitter texture amid the generous, rounded, juicy fruit. Amid all this, the salty yeast tingles with peppery spice. A very driven, full-bodied and rich wine that will mellow with a little bottle age. Drink 2030–2040. KWSelection.com. —A.K. abv: 14% Price: \$52



93

POINTS

Tegernseerhof 2018 Bergdistel Grüner Veltliner Smaragd (Wachau)

A glint of ripe apricot mingles with sage-like savoriness on the nose. The palate picks up this dual theme of fruit and spice and envelops it in juicy generosity with a lovely frame of zesty and pithy citrus. Despite the undoubted ripeness and generosity, there is a lovely touch of lightness and breeziness here that gives a most elegant finish. Drink 2025–2040. KWSelection.com. —A.K. abv: 13.5% Price: \$34

RIESLING SMARAGD - Wachau

94

POINTS

Tegernseerhof 2018 Ried Steinertal Riesling Smaragd (Wachau)



Wonderfully zesty notes of ripe bergamot shimmer on the aromatic nose of ripe apricots. The palate is generous and concentrated, presenting fruity, juicy generosity, anchored in a central core of zestiness. This is streamlined but rich, linear but smooth, releasing wave upon wave of ripe, pure, aromatic fruit. Drink now–2040. KWSelection.com. —A.K. abv: 13% Price: \$52



93

POINTS

T egermseerhof 2018 Ried Kellerberg Riesling Smaragd (Wachau)

The faintest, flinty hint of reduction clings to the zesty overtones on the ripe Mirabelle plum nose. The palate still also shows a creamy yeast note before expanding into fruity, fleshy, Mirabelle ripeness. Overtones of apricot lend an aromatic touch, while concentration makes up for freshness with its pithy mouth feel. The finish is dry and lasting.

KWSelection.com. —A.K. abv: 13% Price: \$52

KAMPTAL GRÜNER VELTLINER



94

POINTS

Steininger 2018 Ried Lamm Reserve Grüner Veltliner (Kamptal)

An almost creamy notion of roast hazelnut on the nose yields to fruitier aromas of ripe stone fruit. The mellow palate presents both smooth creaminess and gentle fruit ripeness, resulting in a very rounded yet still fresh wine. Lovely now but will be even better with two or three years of bottle age. Drink by 2035. KWSelection.com. —A.K. abv: 14% Price: \$49



93

POINTS

Steininger 2018 Ried Kittmannsberg Reserve Grüner Veltliner (Kamptal)

Something creamy and mossy plays alongside the notes of russet pear peel on the nose. The palate is immediately enlivened with a touch of spritz and presents very ripe, juicy yellow pear and plum. An edge of salty yeast joins the midpalate and gives a little more structure to the burgeoning fruit. Lovely, refreshing and appetizing. KWSelection.com. —A.K.

abv: 13.5% Price: \$39



92

POINTS

Steininger 2018 Grand Grü Reserve Grüner Veltliner (Kamptal)

Lovely mossy, green, aromatic freshness mingles with very ripe pear fruit on the nose. Both these elements also play on the rounded, juicy and very ripe but also wonderfully fresh, almost zesty palate. Very moreish, aromatic and refreshing. KWSelection.com. —A.K.

abv: 13.5% Price: \$32

WAGRAM GRÜNER VELTLINER

95

POINTS



Anton Bauer 2017 Grande Reserve Grüner Veltliner (Wagram)

Cream, white pepper and subtle pear make for an attractive trio on the nose. The palate is concentrated and has a pithy phenolic backbone but also shimmering notions of white pepper. This is rich but fresh, rounded but toned, bold but elegant. Lovely now, it is certain to evolve well. The finish is long and lasting. Drink till 2035. KWSelection.com. —A.K.
abv: 14% Price: \$55



93

POINTS

Anton Bauer 2018 Ried Spiegel Grüner Veltliner (Wagram)

Pear notes are simultaneously juicy, ripe, aromatic and creamy. The rich palate continues this mellow, fruity creaminess and is very mild. It is on the back palate that yeast and pepper hit with slightly bitter pith note to lend pleasant structure. Yeasty notes dominate the finish. KWSelection.com. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$34

OTHER GRÜNER VELTLINER



91

POINTS

Hillinger 2017 Grüner Veltliner (Leithaberg)

Mossy freshness and gentle hazelnut make for an appetizing nose. It is on the palate that very aromatic fruit appears, almost akin to apricot on this rounded, mellow but fresh wine that finishes with almost tropical overtones of passion fruit. KWSelection.com. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$39

WEISSBURGUNDER



93

POINTS

Hillinger 2017 Pinot Blanc (Leithaberg)

Most subtle hazelnut notes envelop smoke and creaminess on the nose. The balanced palate is rounder than expected with a mellow stone fruit juiciness that sits well with the subtle smokiness that speaks of well-handled oak. A lovely texture completes this subtle, rounded and mellow yet fresh wine. KWSelection.com. —A.K.
abv: 12.5% Price: \$39



93

POINTS

Netzl 2018 Ried Altenberg Weissburgunder (Carnuntum)

The subtle hazelnut notes of oak play enticingly on the nose alongside notes of ripe, juicy green pear. A subtle creaminess has lemon highlights. The palate is rounder than expected, with generous pear fruit, packing in the sunshine of the vintage. Despite its relative mildness, this strikes a balance and finishes on stone fruit and cream. KWSelection.com. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$34

CHARDONNAY



92

POINTS

Heribert Bayer 2017 Albatross Chardonnay (Burgenland)

Smoke, chalkiness, hazelnut and warmth on the nose promise a rounded Chardonnay. The smoke becomes more prominent on the textured palate and adds a tannic structure to the wine, which is yet to be integrated. Leave this for a while to knit together; all the elements for future balance are here. Drink 2022–2030. Artisanal Cellars. —A.K. abv: 14% Price: \$77

OTHER WHITE WINES



92

POINTS

Heinrich Hartl 2018 Rotgipfler (Thermenregion)

Red apple and wet earth come together in a lifted nose. The palate surprises with its roundness and its almost oily, very rich texture and immense concentration. There also is a creamy aspect that underlines all this generosity even more. Yet a wonderfully zesty core frames this richness and gives it contour, zing and freshness. A rich, dry wine for rich food. KWSelection.com. —A.K. abv: 13% Price: \$24

BLAUFRÄNKISCH



95

POINTS

Jalits 2016 Diabas Reserve Blaufränkisch (Eisenberg)

Wonderfully pure and exquisitely aromatic notes of crushed wild blueberry create a most vivid, evocative nose. The palate, despite density and concentration, comes in with fluidity and poise, showing graceful, fine tannin, still with a little grip, and wonderful, vibrant freshness. This manages to be full but toned, generous but poised. Lovely now, it is certain to evolve. Drink now–2040. KWSelection.com. **Editors' Choice.** —A.K. abv: 14% Price: \$71



94

POINTS

Jalits 2017 Ried Szapary Reserve Blaufränkisch (Eisenberg)

Just a hint of tar and a swish of black cherry appear on the still shy nose. The palate is more open and brims with beautifully aromatic, ripe black cherry and blueberry fruit that is supported by a fine, firm and dense web of graceful, still slightly crunchy tannin. Cinnamon spice shimmers amid the fruit, while lovely freshness brightens everything. A powerful but elegant, full-bodied wine. KWSelection.com. —A.K. abv: 13.5% Price: \$39

93

POINTS

Heribert Bayer 2015 In Signo Sagittarii Blaufränkisch (Burgenland)



Notions of smoke and cocoa envelop the plummy, sumptuous fruit on the nose. The palate then gives full rein to the cinnamon-tinged, spicy and ripe fruit that comes across as baked plum. Freshness and grippy tannins counter all that generosity to leave a bold, full-bodied balance. Artisanal Cellars. —A.K. abv: 14.5% Price: \$49



92

POINTS

Steindorfer 2017 Ried Kaiserberg Blaufränkisch (Burgenland)

Black cherry juiciness sets the fruity tone on the nose. The palate presents more of that pure, hedonistic, ripe fruit and adds notions of plum. A wonderful freshness lets more tart, red cherry aromas come to the fore and imbues the entire, juicy palate and its fine tannins with juiciness. Lovely. KWSelection.com. —A.K. abv: 14% Price: \$25

ZWEIGELT



93

POINTS

Netzl 2017 Ried Haidacker Zweigelt (Carnuntum)

A rather shy nose leads to a similarly closed wine: All here is still tightly coiled, still held firm by oaky notions and firm tannins. This needs time to unfold and integrate, but all the promises are there: concentration of finely captured cherry fruit, freshness and drying tannin. A Zweigelt for laying down. Drink 2025–2035. KWSelection.com. —A.K. abv: 13.5% Price: \$65

PINOT NOIR



93

POINTS

Heinrich Hartl 2017 Reserve Pinot Noir (Thermenregion)

Vanilla, kirsch and alluring smokiness surround lovely notions of ripe, red cherry. The palate then emphasizes the purity of that lifted, tart, vivid red cherry and makes it soar, carried by the aromatic, almost floral oak. This is warm but sinuous, medium-bodied but wonderfully translucent. Powerful but unforced. A very honest and disarming Pinot. KWSelection.com. —A.K. abv: 13.5% Price: \$42



93

POINTS

Heinrich Hartl 2017 Ried Graf Weingartl Pinot Noir (Thermenregion)

Spicy, almost resinous and pine-scented, peppery savoriness appears first on the nose, followed by cherry notions enveloped in gentle oak smokiness. The palate has a fine, gauze-like tannic grip, great freshness, a lovely backbone and bite, but also veils of silky, cherryscented fruit. It strikes a lovely balance and will benefit from a little more time in the bottle. Drink 2022–2032. KWSelection.com. —A.K. abv: 13.5% Price: \$52



91

POINTS

Anton Bauer 2017 Pinot Noir (Wagram)

Slight but distinct hints of vanilla and cinnamon play on the ripe red cherry nose. The palate then adds alluring hints of white pepper to a lovely, fresh, translucent, aromatic body. A wine that makes a virtue of Pinot's inherent lightness without being light. This is elegant, playful, spicy and aromatic and therefore utterly seductive. KWSelection.com. —A.K. abv: 14% Price: \$25

RED BLENDS



94

POINTS

Heribert Bayer 2012 Herzblut (Burgenland)

Graphite, a slight leafy lift, fresh, aromatic, red plum and a hint of cinnamon make for a promising nose that suggests structure and concentration. The palate comes in with welcome, crisp freshness that highlights the elegance and finesse of the tannins. This is a big wine, but it comes with tone and poise. Hints of tar and chocolate appear amid the dark plum and cherry fruit toward the finish. Lovely and getting ready now, but it will continue evolving. Drink by 2035. Artisanal Cellars. —A.K. abv: 14% Price: \$168



93

POINTS

Netzl 2017 Edles Tal (Carnuntum)

A lifted, ethereal nose combines plum, floral overtones and graphite. The palate confirms these aromatic notions and portrays them in a concentrated, tight fashion, held in a taut, firm structure. This is full bodied but fresh, bold but toned, outlined by wonderful acidity. It still needs to relax a bit, so drink from 2025–2035. KWSelection.com. —A.K. abv: 14% Price: \$39



92

POINTS

Anton Bauer 2017 Wagram Cuvée (Wagram)

Cinnamon and baked plum on the nose lead onto a palate where both plum and spice spread out. The body is smooth with velvety folds of tannin and rich layers of warm spice that envelops the gentle, rounded and ripe fruit. An elegant wine with quite a bit of mileage. It shows its mettle and stuffing on the drying, long, intense finish. Drink by 2035. KWSelection.com. —A.K. abv: 14% Price: \$25



91

POINTS

Heribert Bayer 2016 In Signo Leonis (Burgenland)

Cinnamon, baked plum and blueberry meet in a mellow, inviting nose. The palate is rounded, full and dense with furry corduroy tannins, still drying a little and providing grip, but with Austria's customary freshness. The finish is dry, smooth, spicy and mellow. Artisanal Cellars. —A.K. abv: 14% Price: \$54



91

POINTS

Steindorfer 2017 Apetlon Rouge (Burgenland)

Wonderfully aromatic, fresh and pure notes of wild blueberry rise from the glass, accompanied by a slight note of cinnamon. The palate is juicy, bright, marvelously fresh and sinuous, portraying this vibrant, pleasantly tart fruit against a backdrop of tannins that seem to have the crunch of Atlas silk. This is fresh-faced, honest and dry.

KWSelection.com. —A.K.

abv: 13.5% Price: \$20

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POINTS

**Steindorfer 2015 Cuvée Klaus
Beerenauslese (Burgenland)**

“Caramel and toffee on the nose join the musky botrytis notes.

The rounded palate is concentrated sweetness itself: rich, unctuous, intense but countered by an almost blossomy, bright pure freshness. The finish is vivid and intense and totally lasting.” **\$30**

70% Muskat Ottonell and 30% Sauvignon Blanc
Beautiful intense aromas of ripe stone fruits and pineapple. Full bodied and very complex.
A wine with plenty of finesse and aging potential



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