

WEINGUT HEINRICH HARTL III

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Thermenregion









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Weingut Heinrich Hartl III is located in the Thermenregion in Lower Austria, a sun-rich district south of Vienna. The area is influenced by both the Pannonian and Continental climatic zones. Here the summers are relatively warm and dry, but the winters are cold. The scraggy soils of the 40-acre estate are dominated by fast-draining limestone in Steinfeld (Oberwaltersdorf) and by shell limestone on brown earth in Pfaffstätten and Gumpoldskirchen. Rotgipfler, a regional specialty, together with St. Laurent and Pinot Noir, are the estate's flagship varietals. Five generations of the Hartl family shaped and formed the estate before responsibility was handed over to the 20-year-old Heinrich only 11 years ago. In recognition of his role and achievements, the winery is now known by his name. »Heinrich Hartl is one of Austria's real rising stars – an exciting and considered young winemaker, who is producing very elegant, individual and expressive wines from relatively unusual local grape varietals, such as Rotgipfler and St Laurent. « Ken Mackay MW, Chef-Wine Buyer at Waitrose/UK.

In terms of landscape, geology and climate, the Thermenregion is comparable with Burgundy. The similarities extend further: in both regions winemaking was promoted throughout the Middle Ages by religious orders of monks. Discoveries from Roman and even Celtic periods reveal, however, that the region's winemaking history extends back at least two millennia. The Thermenregion: Extraordinary wines from autochthonous varietals.

Heinrich Hartl's Vision? "I want to bring Rotgipfler back to the world stage, it's a unique treasure found only in the Thermenregion. And I want to produce one of the best Pinot Noirs in Austria. Pinot Noir represents the greatest possible challenge for a red wine maker."

Hartl's path is distinctive, his wines are unmistakable.

Marie-Sophie Lodron's Vision: "I believe in the future of winemaking in Austria and the Thermenregion. There's still enormous potential here. We're only just getting started at our winery. The white wine sites in our region are fascinating and Rotgipfler is a varietal that flourishes here. It will have an exciting future, well beyond our borders. You'll hear a lot more from us!"

Fresh and cool aromatics characterize the winery's white wines. Alongside their beloved Rotgipfler, Heinrich and Marie-Sophie are dedicated to making Traminer, Sauvignon Blanc and Muskateller – because of their desire to produce niche wines and because of their fascination with these varietals.

The red wines are full-bodied and elegant in equal measure. Pinot Noir and St. Laurent are the leading varietals.

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Heinrich Hartl Rotgipfler 2018

WINE ENTHUSIAST 92 pts.

"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.."

ANNE KREBIEHL MW

Alc. 13.5% A. 5.6g/l RS 4.3g/l



Heinrich Hartl Pinot Noir Classic 2018

WINE ENTHUSIAST. 89 pts.

"Slight reduction on the nose gives way to a spicy, warm cherry note. The palate gives us the full force of that cherry and frames its warmth and ripeness with some lovely, peppery freshness. This speaks of a warm summer and delivers juicy fruit but manages to finish with freshness and drive."

ANNE KREBIEHL MW

Alc. 13% A. 5.9g/l RS 1.9g/l



Heinrich Hartl Pinot Noir Reserve 2017

WINE ENTHUSIAST 93 pts.

"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. "

ANNE KREBIEHL MW

Alc. 13.5% A. 5.2g/l RS 1.0g/l



Heinrich Hartl Pinot Noir Ried Graf Weingartl 2017

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"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 "

ANNE KREBIEHL MW

Alc. 13% A. 5.3g/l RS 1.0g/l