

In Signo Leonis

Vineyards: Heribert Bayer is a “Negoiciant”. He has been a consultant do many of the top producers in Burgenland and now is able to source from of the best vineyards in Mittelburgenland

Varieties: Principally Blaufränkisch. Blaufränkisch is the variety that started off the red wine boom. Despite its origin still being relatively unknown, it is particularly significant that this variety has acquired such critical acclaim in both Austria and abroad.

Wine Region Mittelburgenland: Mittelburgenland 2,117 hectares (5,230 acres) The four main wine villages, Deutschkreutz, Horitschon, Lutzmannsburg, and Neckenmarkt, as well as two very modern co-operative wineries, support the view that large-scale production and high quality is possible.

Wine Village Siegraben: The center of red wine culture in Austria lies just outside of Siegraben, south of Lake Neusiedl and close to the Hungarian border. The dense forests surrounding the vineyards might not give the impression that the climate conditions of the Neusiedlersee regions have an influence here, but they do. It was only during the end of the 1970’s and early 1980’s that this region began producing red wines with regional character.

Production: The *negociant eleveurs* – Patrick and Heribert Bayer. Like father like son. They share the same passion: to create excellent wines; the variety, origin, terroir, vintages, alongside their personal signature with uncompromising quality. As *negociants* they do not own any vineyards, however, through long-standing relationships with landowners and a great understanding of individual vineyards, they produce impressive and exemplary wines where the expressiveness and typicity of the grape varieties excel.

The cellar, In Signo Leonis, is an implementation of Heribert Bayer’s great wine passion. Educated as an oenologist, he began to deepen his knowledge in the late 1970’s by studying documents from Californian and Italian universities on his own. Between 1985 and 1991, he consulted for some now-famous Austrian wineries. In 1997, Heribert found his home in the hills of Neckenmarkt and his goal became to produce typical Mittelburgenland Blaufränkisch wines. In 2002, he built the present day winery and his son Patrick decided to join him in the business. They produced the first vintage of In Signo Sagittarli, a Blaufränkisch at its finest. In 2006, Patrick took over the winery; with his father Heribert beside him they produce outstanding wines together.



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	<p>In Signo Sagittarii 2003 - Hochberg Blaufränkisch</p> <p>Ruby with an opaque core. Delicate spices, cherries, plums, and hints of tobacco and oak. Elegant and complex palate, balanced tannins and a long pleasant smooth finish.</p> <p><i>Alc. 13.5% acidity 5.4 g/l residual sugar 2.3 g/l</i></p>
	<p>In Signo Sagittarii 2007 - Hochberg Blaufränkisch</p> <p>Dark purple core. Intense aroma of roasted coffee, brioche, cocoa, and dark berries. The palate is rich with good extract, integrated tannins, a good dose of freshness, an abundance of juicy dark fruit, elegance, freshness. It has an excellent weight and length.</p> <p><i>Alc. 14% acidity 5.9 g/l residual sugar 0.9 g/l</i></p>
	<p>In Signo Sagittarii 2008 - Hochberg Blaufränkisch</p> <p>Dark ruby. Inviting nose of cherries and dark berries. Juicy and elegant with delicate blackberry jam rounded out with a pleasant tannin structure and excellent length.</p> <p>Still young with very good ageing potential.</p> <p><i>Alc. 14% acidity 5.9 g/l residual sugar 0.9 g/l</i></p>
	<p>In Signo Sagittarii 2009 and new vintages</p>



The *Vinum* magazine had a big Blaufränkisch article in October 2014 and the **In Signo Sagittarii 2011** was the **highest rated** Blaufränkisch...

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Rating	Brand	Vintage	Designation	VarietalLabel	Appellation	Retail
93	Heribert Bayer	2012	In Signo Tauri	Pinot Noir	Burgenland	\$49.00
91	Heribert Bayer	2012	In Signo Sagittarii	Blaufränkisch	Burgenland	\$54.00



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