



The winery Steindorfer is located in Apetlon, surrounded by picturesque lakes and plains of the Neusiedler See – Seewinkel National Park, in the easternmost state of Austria, in Burgenland. Precisely for this reason, a natural and gentle approach in the vineyard and in the cellar is of the utmost importance.

When cultivating our vineyards we do not use chemical pesticides as far as possible, focusing on promoting the natural resilience of the vine. We pay particular attention to the grape varieties selection with regard to the appropriate location, the maturity of the variety, their yield and Botrytis susceptibility or resistance to winter frosts. In addition, the careful soil care plays a role, starting with preparatory measures before planting, mulching and methods for erosion protection or soil compaction, for example, by more rarely driving on the vine rows. Important steps in the forefront include monitoring weather patterns, which may already provide information about possible pest infestation, as well as understanding the occurrence and life cycle of pest insects and determining their flight times. To combat this, maintaining or producing a stable ecosystem in the vineyard is of central importance. This includes the protection and promotion, possibly also the targeted naturalization of beneficial organisms, which act as natural enemies to counteract potential pests. An example is predatory mites which are effective against spider mites and are promoted by exposure to appropriate host plants. Also mechanical procedures (such as nets) are used as well as biotechnical measures such as pheromone traps.

In the long run, our vines will only give their best in an intact ecosystem with healthy soil and will perfectly reflect their terroir in our wines.