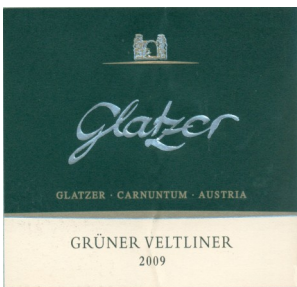


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Austria

LOWER AUSTRIA
Carnuntum

OVERVIEW

Walter Glatzer is a miracle. An amazingly nice guy, making sensational wines and offering them at way down-to-earth prices; this isn't, you know, an everyday occurrence! He's also obsessively motivated to keep improving the wines, which he seems to do annually. Walter Glatzer's doing a smart thing: holding stocks back so as to have 18 months worth of wine in the cellar, which in most cases means two vintages. This is especially good for the reds, which always bulk up with a year in bottle — even the “wee” ones.

Along with Berger these are the best values in this offering. And with steadily increasing quality, especially among the reds. Tight, reductively brilliant whites that should be poured by the glass at every restaurant in the universe!

Varieties: Zweigelt, St. Laurent, Grüner Veltliner, Blaufränkisch, Merlot, Weissburgunder, Pinot Noir

Total Acreage: about 62 acres

Average Production: 10,000 cases

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

- High density vine planting
- Maintain a high canopy to enable better ripen from the sun's energy

WINES

Grüner Veltliner

CORE LIST The first wine I “officially” sample most years. Wow, what a euphoric fragrance, beans, sorrel, tonka; the palate is light, fresh and transparent yet with a pointed, focused and clinging finish. A bright, tasty and useful wine that finally delivers just that little bit more than it first seemed. —TT

Blaufränkisch

STOCK LIST Ah, again excellent after stumbling recently. Classy Glatzer Bf, with his rich “smoothie” dark red fruit flavors and yet varietal specificity, toast and herb oils and rosemary and Sarawak pepper; this has power and vigor and is outstanding in its echelon.

Zweigelt “Riedencuvée”

available by special order Total sweetheart aromas, almost lulling; a beaming fruit. The palate begins by seeming light but firms, concentrates and sweetens dramatically, into the kinds of blackberries that leap from the bush into your hand as you reach for them. The “+” isn't for power or strength but for the wolf-spit deliciousness, the cherry tobacco finish, the gorgeous modesty. —TT

Gotinsprun

available by special order A cuvée of 60% Blaufränkisch, 15% Merlot, 15% St. Laurent and 10% Syrah. The blend changes slightly with each vintage. I don't know how this wine always smells so mineral, like some Pomerol-Priorat hybrid. It must be the best Blaufränkisch material, which usually dominates this blend, which is seductively spicy, like those 100-year-old salts, iron and violets; perfumey complex finish. —TT

INFORMATION ON / INTRO TO WINE REGION

Carnuntum: The wine-growing area of Carnuntum extends east of Vienna (Wein) to the borders of Slovakia. The vineyards spread south of the Danube river on a landscape of rolling hills. Heavy soils offer the best conditions for red wines, above all Zweigelt and Blaufränkisch. The pan-European climate, Danube river and lake Neusiedl act as temperature regulators, spurring the grapes to mature fully.

ACCOLADES

Walter Glatzer offers some excellent values in both white and red Austrian wines.
David Schildknecht —The Wine Advocate