

TURN UP THE HEAT! 2017 DANUBE WHITES ARE EXCITING DESPITE SOME OVERBLOWN GRUNER VELTLINERS



There's a lot of talk about the effect of global warming on wine, but seldom have we encountered such a dramatic example as the 2017 vintage in the regions along the Austrian Danube. Even an untrained taster should have no difficulty spotting the difference between the same dry white gruner veltliner from the cool 2016 vintage and the much warmer 2017 vintage. The 2016 wines almost always taste much more acidic and less alcoholic than the 2017s, and in many cases, the difference between the two vintages is stark.

I use gruner veltliner as an example not only because it is the signature grape of Austria, but also because it was particularly affected by the unusually hot and dry summer of 2017. Alcohol levels surged due to the high ripeness of the grapes, high-end bottlings often reaching 14% alcohol and occasionally 15%. Taste these rich, opulent wines, and you could wonder how these regions are still regarded as cool climate!

The most successful expressions this year of the variety include the graceful and subtle [Bernhard Ott Grüner Veltliner Wagram Rosenberg EL 2017](#) from the Wagram, rated 97 points, and the 2017 [Nigl Grüner Veltliner Kremstal Pellingen EL Privat 2017](#) from the Kremstal, rated 96 points. It's wines such as these that have enough freshness to carry the extravagance of the vintage, while many others taste rather overripe and heavy, with some being seriously overblown. Stick to the wines we have rated highly, and you will get a crisp and aromatic gruner veltliner that's food friendly — just what drove a global revival of interest in Austrian dry whites not too long ago.

What makes the impact of climate change on wine production in the Danube so dramatic is the fact that 2015 and 2018 were similarly warm vintages to 2017. That means three of the last five vintages there were unusually warm! We suggest that the frequency of overripeness issues raises fundamental questions about the future of gruner veltliner in these regions, which account for more than half of the world's acreage of this grape.

The question is whether changes in cultivation methods can adequately compensate for the warming of the growing season, or if certain hillside sites with southerly exposures are slowly becoming too warm for gruner veltliner. Regardless, this development looks certain to give new impulse to the plantings of other grape varieties, most notably riesling. Plantings of this grape in Austria have almost doubled since 1990, reaching 2,015 hectares in 2015. Meanwhile, the area planted with gruner veltliner fell significantly to 14,376 hectares during the same period as the Austrian wine industry shifted its goal from quantity to quality.

Our tastings of more than 500 of the 2017 wines from the Danube regions revealed a striking contrast between the way gruner veltliner and riesling performed. The 2017 dry riesling wines from the Danube taste ripe but not overripe unlike many of the gruner veltliners. While generous, they offer the crisp and lively taste profile we expect from them. The words "mineral" and "minerality" appear far more frequently in our tasting notes for the 2017 rieslings than for the gruner veltliners. Indeed, 2017 is a great vintage for Austrian dry riesling!



We enjoyed the view from Rudi Pichler's tasting room in Wosendorf, Wachau. The JamesSuckling.com team spent two weeks tasting the latest releases from Austria.



These riesling grapes in Langenlois, Kamptal, from a vineyard belonging to the Hiedler winery, were photographed on September 6, 2018. The last two vintages, 2018 and 2017, are the earliest on record in Austria.

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The explanation for the contrast between these two grapes this year, from which most of the wines in this report are made, seems to be the way it cooled off dramatically after heavy rain during the night of August 15-16 in 2017. The complete final maturation phase for the late-ripening riesling grape occurred entirely under those cool conditions. Conversely, by this point the development of the earlier-ripening gruner veltliner grapes was already well advanced and their acidity content had already dropped a long way.

Learning from these experiences is a matter of urgency for wine producers along the Danube and its tributaries, because 2018 is turning out to be at least as extreme a vintage as 2017 was. On September 5, Hannes Hirsch of the [Hirsch winery](#) in the Kamptal was upbeat in his explanation of the situation: “We’ve already been picking gruner veltliner for five days, and I’m so glad we started at the end of August. The juice tasted great and we’ll pick the rest of the gruner veltliner as fast as possible, then move straight on to riesling.”

Or, as Alwin Jurtschitsch of the [Jurtschitsch winery](#) in the same region put it, “We have to forget our tradition of harvesting in November!” The 2017 wines from these two producers were models of balance and freshness. They prove that it can be made to work. — *Stuart Pigott, Contributing Editor*

Conversations with a string of leading growers revealed there was a good reason for the huge difference between the two grapes. “Normally, riesling has one gram per liter more acidity than gruner veltliner,” explains Emmerich Knoll Sr. of the [Emmerich Knoll winery](#). “That means if riesling is picked with around seven grams per liter acidity, then gruner veltliner will have about six grams of acidity. However, in 2017, the difference in acidity between them was double the norm. We were very surprised by how fresh the 2017 rieslings tasted after the hot and dry summer.”

This not only applied to the dry ones, which make up the great majority of Austria’s wine production for this grape variety, but also to the rare sweet wines. Emmerich Knoll’s luscious yet dazzling vibrant and seamless [Riesling Wachau Loibner Beerenauslese 2017](#) was one of two wines rated 100 points. This is not quite as surprising as it might look at first glance. Already back in 1983, [Emmerich Knoll](#) produced a string of excellent dessert wines. The other 100-point rating was for the astonishingly concentrated, yet perfectly balanced dry [F.X. Pichler Riesling Wachau Unendlich Smaragd 2017](#) (“endless riesling”).

TASTING NOTES

EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU LOIBNER BEERENAUSSLESE 2017

Country Austria	Score	100	An essence-like nose of peaches and apricots leads into a concentrated palate of staggering purity and vitality. Then comes HD clarity, as well as seamless harmony at the almost endless finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

F. X. PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU UNENDLICH SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	100	Although this dry riesling is mind-blowingly concentrated, what makes it utterly astonishing is the extreme clarity in the nose, featuring the very essence of white peach, together with the sharply defined contours of the widescreen palate. Some may, quite possibly, find the intensity and vibrancy at the finish a bit too much right now, but just give it a year or two. Better still, a decade or more! From the great Kellerberg and Loibenberg sites.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

EMMERICH KNOLL MUSKATELLER WACHAU LOIBNER BEERENAUSSLESE 2017

Country Austria	Score	99	Gigantic concentration and finesse. In spite of the major influence of noble rot, this still has the classic muscat aroma, alongside a cornucopia of exotic fruit. Gigantic finish that is totally bright and clean. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

F. X. PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU RIED KELLERBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	99	How do you begin to describe a wine like this, which busts apart the usual frames of reference for dry white wine? So many fresh aromas - from white peaches through mint to Amalfi lemons - but so much ripeness and concentration, too. The finish is super long and so delicate, in spite of all the power. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER RIESLING WACHAU RIED SINGERRIEDEL SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	99	Totally pristine and refined with a weightless quality, in spite of the full, exotic-fruit aromas and enormous concentration on the palate, where the high acidity is already beautifully integrated and the wet-stone finish is extremely long and exciting. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

KRACHER WELSCHRIESLING BURGENLAND WELSCHRIESLING TROCKENBEERENAUSSLESE NUMMER 9 2015

Country Austria	Score	99	Enormous aromas of dried yellow and tropical fruit with great citrusy freshness that pulls you into the center of this dessert-wine quasar. So concentrated, but the brain-rattling acidity seems to connect directly to the nervous system, and from there to the pleasure centers of the brain. Breathtakingly fresh, super long finish. Almost too much of a good thing now. Better from 2020.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2015			

EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU LOIBNER VINOTHEKFÜLLUNG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	98	More lush, creamy and exotic than the other 2017 dry rieslings from Knoll, this has not only a lot of concentration and power, but also very dynamic acidity that lifts the full body beautifully at the finish. Long aging potential. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

F. X. PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU M SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Enormous ripeness and concentration, but the exotic-fruit notes are very delicate. Great harmony, in spite of the creaminess and the hint of oak. Very long, seamless finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	98	
Vintage 2017		

F. X. PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KELLERBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	It's time to marvel at what grüner veltliner was able to do in 2017! Every bit as fine as it is dense, this has spectacular stone-fruit character and great minerality, everything sitting exactly where it should. Very long and subtle, stony finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	98	
Vintage 2017		

F. X. PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Be prepared to be amazed. Enormously ripe, but also remarkably fine on the nose. Then comes a tidal wave of succulent and enticing exotic fruit on the palate, the acidity acting as an exact counterpoint to all this decadence. Then, the powerful finish delivers the mortal blow. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	98	
Vintage 2017		

KRACHER SCHEUREBE BURGENLAND SCHEUREBE TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE NUMMER 10 2015

Country Austria	Score	You wondered if the mango had a soul? Well, it's here in this glass of dessert wine! In spite of the extraordinary concentration and power of this wine, it has an incredible, velvety texture and a super long, creme-brulee finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	98	
Vintage 2015		

KRACHER WELSCHRIESLING BURGENLAND WELSCHRIESLING TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE NUMMER 11 2015

Country Austria	Score	This is so rich and so silky with a stunning intensity of dried yellow fruit and underlying, luscious sweetness. Yet, somehow, there's a certain delicacy, too. It's impossible to describe the myriad spicy nuances of this opulent wine; they will show better when it has more bottle age. Drink in 2020.
Region Danube	98	
Vintage 2015		

NIGL RIESLING KREMSTAL HOCHÄCKER EL PRIVAT 2017

Country Austria	Score	So ripe yet so refined, this is a magnificent example of what was possible with dry riesling in the valley of the Danube and its tributaries in 2017. Super mineral and filigree finish that doesn't want to stop. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	98	
Vintage 2017		

NIKOLAIHOF RIESLING WACHAU VINOTHEK 2002

Country Austria	Score	At first deep, dark and mysterious. Just like the Nikolaihof cellar, where this dry riesling spent 16 years in barrel. Then, a minty freshness develops that leaps out of the glass at you. By some miracle, it manages to taste ancient and lively at once. The finish is very long with great herbal complexity. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	98	
Vintage 2002		

PRAGER RIESLING WACHAU KLAUS SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Highly concentrated and really firm, this unique 2017 Austrian dry riesling has tons of wild-herb, berry and mineral character, running right through the giant finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	98	
Vintage 2017		

PRAGER RIESLING WACHAU WACHSTUM BODENSTEIN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	The unique climatic situation of the highest altitude riesling vineyard in the Wachau (460 meters above sea level) in the warm 2017 vintage has resulted in astonishing aromatic complexity - from apples to pineapples via blackberries and peaches - and tremendous vitality that has produced a very long, leaping and bounding finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	98	
Vintage 2017		

RUDI PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ACHLEITEN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Very complex nose with everything from exotic fruit and pomelo to white pepper, fresh herbs and spring flowers. Great brilliance and minerality, packed into a remarkably sleek package for this grape and the opulent vintage. Then comes the finish that just doesn't want to let go! Drink or hold.
Region Danube	98	
Vintage 2017		

ALZINGER RIESLING WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	With complex peach, passion-fruit and mangosteen character, plus delicate, spicy nuances, this very concentrated Wachau dry riesling has tons of underplayed power. Then, the super long, layered finish demands your full attention. A masterpiece. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	97	
Vintage 2017		

BERNHARD OTT GRÜNER VELTLINER WAGRAM ROSENBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Very pristine and youthful with a stunning combination of concentration and grace on the palate. This is one of the highlights of the vintage for Austria's signature grape. Very long, cool finish with a slew of herbs and minerals. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	97	
Vintage 2017		

BRÜNDLMAYER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL LAMM EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Still slightly funky from long lees contact, this is very deep and complex with an entire universe of herbal and vegetal aromas. Then, an almost endless, cool finish of radical minerality. Made from organically grown grapes. Long aging potential. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	97	
Vintage 2017		

EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU LOIBNER BEERENAUSSLESE 2017

Country Austria	Score	Enormous nose of toast, caramel and mirabelle tart. Very concentrated, but with lively acidity that makes all this extravagance so delightful through the very long finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	97	
Vintage 2017		

EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU LOIBNER VINOOTHEKFÜLLUNG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	A very powerful and highly structured grüner veltliner with plenty of papaya, pineapple and yellow grapefruit, but with nice freshness at the long, very intense finish. Very long aging potential. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	97	
Vintage 2017		

EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED SCHÜTT SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	As elegant as it is concentrated, this is breathtaking grüner veltliner that leaves you dazed by myriad nuances that run the entire fruit spectrum, from apples to pineapples. Then, on the dramatic finish, comes an entire microcosm of herbs. Astonishingly bright and lively for such elevated ripeness. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	97	
Vintage 2017		

EMMERICH KNOLL TRAMINER WACHAU LOIBNER BEERENAUSSLESE 2017

Country Austria	Score	Where can you find a dessert with these grapefruit and floral-honey aromas? Rich and dense but only moderately sweet, this is the most luxurious sundowner I can imagine. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	97	
Vintage 2017		

F. X. PICHLER MUSKATELLER WACHAU LOIBENBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	The pink grapefruit, floral and spice aromas leap out of the glass at you. Stunning concentration and brilliance, then minty freshness at the very intensive finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	97	
Vintage 2017		

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED HONIVOGL SAMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	A cornucopia of exotic-fruit aromas from papaya to durian, then stunning richness and concentration on the palate. This remarkable grüner veltliner is seriously powerful yet fresh and lively with a very bright and delicate finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	97	
Vintage 2017		

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER RIESLING WACHAU RIED HOCHRAIN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	A stunning dry riesling that will wow those seeking high elegance. What a beautiful balance of ripe-peach and tropical-flower aromas with generous body and very polished acidity! The finish is very long and delicate. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	97	
Vintage 2017		

HIRSCH RIESLING KAMPTAL GAISBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Great freshness and finesse, together with enormous mineral intensity, makes this one of the star dry rieslings of 2017 in Austria. Warm vintage? It doesn't taste that way at all! From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	97	
Vintage 2017		

KRACHER BURGENLAND TROCKENBEERENAUSSLESE NUMMER 6 GRAND CUVÉE 2015

Country Austria	Score	Beautiful, golden fruit that glows in the autumn sunshine! Very rich and lush, but with the acidity to carry all this opulence. The finish is as complex as it is fresh with some savage beauty. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	97	
Vintage 2015		

KRACHER MUSKAT OTTONEL BURGENLAND MUSKAT OTTONEL TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE NUMMER 8 2015

Country Austria	Score	Very grapey with a ton of candied orange peel, then caramel and a liveliness and lightness of touch that makes you sit up straight and pay attention to all the amazing things happening on your palate. If all this doesn't seduce you, then I don't know what will. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	97	
Vintage 2015		

KRACHER STERREICH NUMMER 12 2015

Country Austria	Score	Technically, this isn't wine, because it doesn't quite reach five per cent alcohol; so enormously dense and sweet was the must. If you want the ultimate in concentrated, raisiny character, then this is surely for you. For us, however, some of the other wines in Kracher's stunning 2015 collection are more exciting, because they are better balanced. A blend of chardonnay, welschriesling and scheurebe. Long aging potential. Better from 2020, or even 2030.
Region Danube	97	
Vintage 2015		

NIKOLAIHOF RIESLING NIEDERÖSTERREICH STEINER HUND 2014

Country Austria	Score	This dry riesling has timeless beauty that seems to defy gravity, too. And what is that ravishing fruit note? It reminds me of gooseberries, mirabelles and apricots, but it's not any of them. Stunning energy at the very long, complete finish! From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	97	
Vintage 2014		

PRAGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ZWERITHALTER KAMMERGUT SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Enormously spicy, rich and multilayered, this is a powerful and highly structured grüner veltliner with great drive at the bold, long finish. From vines planted before the First World War. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	97	
Vintage 2017		

RUDI PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU ACHLEITEN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Still very youthful, this dry Wachau riesling is a giant of finesse that needs some years to reach its best. However, the concentration and brilliance of this masterpiece are already totally clear. Super long, fine finish that gently whispers stories about wet stones. Drink in 2019.
Region Danube	97	
Vintage 2017		

ALZINGER RIESLING WACHAU RIED STEINERTAL SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	The youthful and delicate lemon-balm, white-peach and tart-au-citron character, make this sleek and diamond-bright beauty very hard to resist. Perfect balance at the super long, crystalline finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	96	
Vintage 2017		

BERNHARD OTT GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL STEIN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Let me introduce you to the wildest herb aromas you can imagine. Stunning marriage of intensity and delicacy on the palate. Long, very filigree and mineral finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	96	
Vintage 2017		

BRÜNDLMAYER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL KÄFERBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	96	Super complex, wild-herb and citrus nose that's only just beginning to open up. Stunning vitality and expressiveness on the palate and a very long finish with a ton of dark minerals. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

EMMERICH KNOLL MUSKATELLER WACHAU LOIBNER SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	96	A dry-muscat masterpiece that is extremely delicate for this grape and has seamless harmony on the palate. Very long and subtle, floral and mineral finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING KREMTAL RIED PFAFFENBERG SELECTION 2017

Country Austria	Score	96	A very seductive dry riesling that has an extremely succulent peach and exotic-fruit character. Then, just when you think the show might be over, in comes the very long, super mineral finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU RIED SCHÜTT SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	96	So many spicy nuances and an entire spectrum of stone-fruit aromas, make this dry riesling masterpiece extremely attractive. Yet, beneath these aromas lies a deep chasm that will suck you in if you gaze into it. Still quite firm and tight at the long finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

F. X. PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED LIEBENBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	96	Lots of green-plum and wild-berry aromas, plus herbal freshness that beautifully balances the considerable power of this unusual Wachau grüner veltliner. Great tension through the long finish. From chalk-rich soil, a rarity for the region. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

F. X. PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	96	Powerful and ripe with a wide spectrum of yellow-fruit aromas, but also plenty of tobacco and green pepper. After a bold initial impression on the palate, mineral freshness arrives to lift the very long, concentrated finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

F. X. PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED STEINERTAL SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	96	Cool and herbal with a hint of wet ferns. In spite of the considerable concentration, it remains sleek and straight with a long, uncompromisingly mineral finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

F. X. PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU RIED STEINERTAL SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	96	Very cool and crystalline with a ton of white peaches and citrusy acidity driving the long, radically mineral finish. Long aging potential. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

HIRSCH GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL GAISBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	96	Very subtle mirabelle and bergamot nose. Then, a remarkable, finely nuanced and lively palate for the warm vintage. The super mineral finish just doesn't want to stop! From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

KRACHER CHARDONNAY BURGENLAND CHARDONNAY TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE NUMMER 7 2015

Country Austria	Score	96	If you love rich, dry chardonnay, the chances are high that you will go for this lusciously sweet example. Masses of roasted coconut character, but also butter, vanilla and caramel. The extraordinary thing is that all this isn't too much; in fact, the wine has beautiful creaminess that weaves everything together at the long, lush finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2015			

KRACHER SCHEUREBE BURGENLAND SCHEUREBE TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE NUMMER 4 2015

Country Austria	Score	96	A dense, exotic fruit-coulis character with plenty of floral honey and a touch of lemon zest. Stunning concentration and vibrancy, the acidity whipping the great, citrusy finish along at brisk clip. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2015			

KRACHER TRAMINER BURGENLAND TRAMINER TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE NUMMER 5 2015

Country Austria	Score	96	Very intense smoked-tea character. Opulent and plush, this may not have as much acidity as some of Kracher's other 2015 TBAs, but it has found ways and means to do without that, also through the sheer density of the caramel character at the bold, long finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2015			

NIGL GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL PELLINGEN EL PRIVAT 2017

Country Austria	Score	96	Ravishing aromas of stone fruit, pears and citrus suck you into this noble and concentrated grüner veltliner that effortlessly balances enormous ripeness and mineral freshness. Breathtakingly long. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

NIKOLAIHOF RIESLING WACHAU KLAUSE AM BERG 2012

Country Austria	Score	96	Although this is no young wine, it has a remarkably youthful, peachy nose for its age. Long, ripe and intense finish, in which fruit and minerals are beautifully interwoven. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2012			

PRAGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ACHLEITEN STOCKKULTUR SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	96	A stunning Wachau grüner veltliner that's brimming with peach, floral and white-pepper aromas. Juicy and joyful on the palate with a lot of finesse, so that you don't think for a moment about the 14 per cent alcohol. Then comes the enormous mineral and herbal character at the finish. From vines planted in 1937. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

PRAGER RIESLING WACHAU ACHLEITEN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	96	Lavish yet delicate peach, apricot, mandarin and exotic floral aromas. Ripe and rich, yet very finely nuanced, the finish long and really succulent with underlying cool minerality. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

RUDI PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU KIRCHWEG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	96	Complex and subtle herbal and citrus notes, but also peaches, mirabelles and grapefruit. Exciting interplay of delicate fruit and mineral acidity. Super long and salty finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

WIENINGER PINOT NOIR WIEN GRAND SELECT 2015

Country Austria	Score	96	Deep and concentrated, but also graceful and refined, this is a great pinot noir by any standards. The aromas of cherries, pomegranate and red roses are extremely appealing and the balance at the long, silky finish is spot on. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2015			

ALZINGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED LIEBENBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	95	This is only just beginning to open up, but just wait to see what beauty is coming your way! A super elegant and minerally grüner veltliner that is tightly wound on the palate, but really sweeps you away at the dramatic and complex finish. Better from 2019.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

ALZINGER RIESLING WACHAU RIED HÖHERECK SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	95	The vibrant floral and white-peach nose is very attractive and, on the palate, this stunning dry riesling is simultaneously concentrated and subtle. The finish is very long and racy. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

BERNHARD OTT GRÜNER VELTLINER WAGRAM SPIEGEL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	95	Tons of white pepper, but also lemon zest and licorice. Great freshness for the vintage. Dense but only medium-full palate and a very long, mineral finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

BRÜNDLMAYER RIESLING KAMPTAL HEILIGENSTEIN EL ALTE REBEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	95	The most compact and concentrated of Bründlmayer's 2017 dry rieslings. Loads of white peaches and flowers on the nose. As crisp as it is concentrated, this has a long, precise and very minerally finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU LOIBNER AUSLESE 2017

Country Austria	Score	95	A powerful and spicy Auslese that's only slightly sweet and, therefore, best drunk with sautéed liver or liver paté. Very long, texturally complex, creamy finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	95	The whole range of stone-fruit aromas, but the subtle spice is what makes this stand out. Powerful, but comes across as surprisingly light-footed on the palate. This is magnificent grüner veltliner Smaragd. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU RIED KELLERBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	95	Very cool, linear and still quite closed, this is extremely refined and subtle. The special, spicy character of this site shows first in the complex finish. Long aging potential. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	95	Delicate nose of fresh pineapples and gardenias. As succulent as it is elegant on the palate. This already gives a lot of pleasure, but the intensity at the finish (no less than the track record of this wine) suggests it has long aging potential, too. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

EMMERICH KNOLL TRAMINER WACHAU LOIBNER SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	95	The most beautiful yellow roses are in this glass and their delicate perfume caresses you. Sensational harmony and a lingering, silky finish.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER GRAUBURGUNDER WACHAU RIED PLURIS SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	95	This full-bodied but very lively pinot gris is both luscious and refined with an avalanche of papaya and star fruit. Stunning balance at the long, silky finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED AXPOINT SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	95	Juicy and generous, this is a ripe and creamy grüner veltliner with serious concentration and finesse; the coconut and papaya aromas are not a jot too much and the finish is very polished and elegant. Where is that Thai red curry? Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER RIESLING WACHAU RIED STEINPORZ SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	95	Concentrated and elegant with tons of peach and lemon character and just a hint of exotic fruit. Seriously concentrated and energetic with a very long, complete finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

FRITSCH RIESLING WAGRAM BEERENAUSSLESE 2017

Country Austria	Score	95	Where can you find a dessert with this kind of stunning fruit aroma? And the balance of moderate sweetness, delicate spice and minerality of the palate is no less convincing. Not a jot too sweet at the very clean finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

HIEDLER RIESLING KAMPTAL HEILIGENSTEIN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	95	A great combination of lemon and mineral freshness with ripe-peach flavors. Although the palate is sleek and linear, there is considerable drive and intensity at the very long finish. Great aging potential. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

JAMEK RIESLING WACHAU RIED KLAUS SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Very fine and subtle, this Wachau riesling has great structure and balance. Mineral freshness retains the upper hand, right through the long, refined finish. This is exactly what you expect from this famous site. Excellent aging potential. Better from 2019.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

JUTSCHITSCH RIESLING KAMPTAL HEILIGENSTEIN EL ALTE REBEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	The complex licorice, white peach and yeasty, funky nose pulls you into a tight vortex of herbs, minerals and spices that sucks you out of the workaday world into another dimension of experience. Some tannins on the very long, radical finish. From organically grown grapes. Better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

KRACHER BURGENLAND TROCKENBEERENAUSELE NUMMER 1 2015

Country Austria	Score	It must have been the roses that seduced me and, if you want to seduce somebody with roses, this sweet wine might be exactly the thing! Graceful harmony, in spite of the generous sweetness. Long silky finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2015		

KRACHER WELSCHRIESLING BURGENLAND WELSCHRIESLING TROCKENBEERENAUSELE NUMMER 2 2015

Country Austria	Score	This has a beautiful cooked-quince and roasted-pineapple character, luscious fruit and excellent substance. The sweetness dries up quickly at the long, elegant, rather salty finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2015		

KRACHER ZWEIGELT BURGENLAND ZWEIGELT TROCKENBEERENAUSELE NUMMER 3 2015

Country Austria	Score	Quite port-like, this reddish TBA has about half the alcoholic content of the Douro original. A rich and supple wine with moderate sweetness for this category that's neither truly red nor white, but has a very appealing balance through the long, elegant finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2015		

MARKUS HUBER GRÜNER VELTLINER TRAISENTAL BERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Anyone who thinks grüner veltliner can't be minerally needs to taste this stony masterpiece from one of Austria's most underrated producers. Although it starts quite delicate and reserved, it builds beautifully through the very long finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

MARKUS HUBER RIESLING TRAISENTAL BERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Great white-peach nose, then a super elegant palate that's bristling with chalky character. Very long and pure finish. Great aging potential here. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

NEUMAYER RIESLING TRAISENTAL DER WEIN VOM STEIN 2017

Country Austria	Score	Very fresh and slightly funky, this medium-to full-bodied dry riesling is built for the long term and only just beginning to display its riches. Concentrated, juicy and elegant, the palate has compelling drive. Stunning intensity and delicacy at the very long, mineral finish. Better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

NIGL GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL HERZSTÜCK VOM KIRCHENBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	This great grüner veltliner literally takes your breathe away! Stunning peach and fresh-pineapple aromas pour from the glass. Then, a near perfect balance of concentration and freshness extends through the very long finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

NIGL RIESLING KREMSTAL RIED GOLDBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	This stunning dry riesling has Grand Cru quality. Very tightly wound with dark minerality that makes it stand out in this field. The ripeness of the vintage is totally underplayed and the finish is crystalline and pristine. Great aging potential. Better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

NIKOLAIHOF RIESLING WACHAU STEINRIESLER 2004

Country Austria	Score	Apples with this kind of aroma only really exist in your imagination. Sleek and lithe with a long, precisely contoured finish. A riesling Federspiel that was given 12 years of maturation in oak. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Drink now.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2004		

NIKOLAIHOF RIESLING WACHAU VOM STEIN SMARAGD 2014

Country Austria	Score	An intensely mineral riesling that combines considerable power with a slim silhouette. Finely etched dried-pear and candied-lemon flavors echo through the long, subtle finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2014		

PICHLER-KRUTZLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KELLERBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	Extravagant and exotic, but also beautifully balanced, this is like staring into the soul of the pineapple. A very bright and straight, mineral finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

PICHLER-KRUTZLER RIESLING WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	Still a bit reserved, this great dry riesling is just beginning to open up. Stunning dried-peach and candied-citrus character with just a hint of smoked tea on the nose. Great concentration on the palate, yet hardly any feeling of weight, the finish long and complete. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

PROIDL RIESLING KREMSTAL EHRENFELS EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	This dry riesling has so much to offer, beginning with the stunning peach aroma. The wonderful, lemon freshness makes the concentrated palate feel light. Very long, crystalline finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

PROIDL RIESLING KREMSTAL GENERATION X 2017

Country Austria	Score	If you enjoy drinking outside the box, then this remarkable dry riesling with enormous citrus and floral-honey character, plus something dark and mineral, could be for you. Very long, intense finish. This should have long aging potential.
Region Danube	95-96	
Vintage 2017		

PROIDL RIESLING KREMSTAL HOCHÄCKER EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Still slightly yeasty from lees contact, this powerful and concentrated dry riesling is the perfect answer to anyone who thinks the wines of this grape are always light. Massive finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

RUDI PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU KOLLMÜTZ SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	This powerful grüner veltliner has plenty of peach and mirabelle character, but it's the complex, spicy and sweet-vegetal aromas that stand in the foreground. Creamy front palate, but with considerable underlying structure. Vibrant and crystalline finish, in spite of the concentration. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

RUDI PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU HOCHRAIN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	A really beautiful, mid-weight dry riesling that's easy to understand, thanks to the generous fresh-citrus character, fresh acidity and tannins that discreetly support the long finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL LAMM EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	The balance of this grüner veltliner is like that of a great chardonnay, but the complex herb and green-pepper aromas are totally different. In spite of the concentration, it is delicate on the palate. Long, creamy and spicy finish with ever expanding mineral character. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG RIESLING KAMPTAL HEILIGENSTEIN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	A rich and precise wine with a lot of textural complexity and very clean minerals that drive the long finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG RIESLING NIEDERÖSTERREICH TRADITION 2017

Country Austria	Score	A very sophisticated dry riesling with a ton of delicate spicy notes. This is just beginning to open up after 18 months maturation in barrel. The peach and herbal aromas are still restrained, but on the palate there's great textural complexity and the elegant finish is really long and subtle. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

TÜRCK GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL THURNERBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Lots of sweet, vegetal aromas, but also plenty of white peaches and flowers pour from the glass. A remarkable marriage of power and freshness, this is probably the best wine this producer ever made! Very long, mineral finish with so much vitality. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

WIENINGER CHARDONNAY WIEN GAND SELECT 2016

Country Austria	Score	The enveloping nose of toast, hazelnuts, candied citrus and dried pears sucks you into this rich and concentrated chardonnay that is so clean and poised through the very long finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2016		

WIENINGER GEMISCHTER SATZ WIEN RIED ROSENGARTL EL NUSSBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	Rosengartl means "rose garden" and that really is how this wine smells. Rich to the point of decadence, this is another amazing Gemischter Satz (co-fermented field blend). Just when you think it's going to slip away, the spicy finish bowls you over. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Vinolok glass closure.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

WIENINGER GEMISCHTER SATZ WIEN RIED ULM EL NUSSBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	This unique wine has a very complex nose of fresh nuts, candied citrus and roses! Seriously elegant on the palate, in spite of the intense salty and chalky minerality that builds in an extraordinary way on the enormous, long finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Vinolok glass closure.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

WIENINGER RIESLING WIEN RIED ROSENGARTL EL NUSSBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	Still a little bit funky, because of long lees contact, this is a concentrated and totally individual dry white that belongs in the first league of Austrian riesling. The wine's citrus, peach and mineral heart bursts out at the astonishing finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certification. Better from 2019. Vinolok glass closure.
Region Danube	95	
Vintage 2017		

ALZINGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Super ripe yet delicate with some yeasty aromas that will integrate with time. This is rich and powerful, but has plenty of freshness, the finish sleek and super-mineral. Great aging potential. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

ALZINGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED STEINERTAL SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Although this has some exotic-fruit aromas, the nose is also cool and minty. As succulent as it is elegant, this striking grüner veltliner finishes with an impressive mineral crescendo. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

BIRGIT EICHINGER RIESLING KAMPTAL GAISBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	A really elegant, mid-weight dry riesling with a lot of herbal notes, as well as white peaches. The cool, mint and mineral finish is really impressive, polished and long. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

BRÜNDLMAYER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL LOISERBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Lots of dried-herb and lentil character on the nose. At once powerful and elegant, this is a really sophisticated 2017 grüner veltliner that's more open than many of the top wines of the vintage. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

BRÜNDLMAYER RIESLING KAMPTAL HEILIGENSTEIN EL LYRA 2017

Country Austria	Score	Delicate pineapple nose, then a rich and precisely contoured palate that steers well clear of opulence, making this a very strong 2017 dry riesling. Long, very clean and minerally finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

BRÜNDLMAYER RIESLING KAMPTAL STEINMASSL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	A totally original dry riesling from the Danube valley that has a suave and supple feel on the front palate. Then, the firmness from the rocky soil comes through on the cool, lemony finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

DOMÄNE WACHAU RIESLING WACHAU RIED ACHLEITEN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	I love the full, peachy fruit of this rich but beautifully balanced expression of this famous vineyard site. Long, finely nuanced finish with lots of delicate mineral and spicy notes. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

EDLMOSER GEMISCHTER SATZ WIEN RIED SEATZEN-MAURERBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	The combination of enormous concentration, plus youthfulness, make this a bit monolithic just now. However, with more time in the bottle, this rich and creamy giant with a ton of spice and candied-orange character will come down to earth and amaze us all. Better from 2019, but no hurry here.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

EDLMOSER RIESLING WIEN RIED SAETZEN-MAURERBERG KALKSTEIN 2017

Country Austria	Score	Edlmoser must be congratulated for his serious commitment to high-end dry riesling in a region not well known for that. The nose is still slightly closed, but has delicate, peachy fruit that leads you into a highly structured dry riesling with serious concentration. Deep, very dry, mineral finish. Clearly, serious aging potential. Better from 2019.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

EDLMOSER WEISSBURGUNDER WIEN RIED HIMMEL-MAURERBERG KALKSTEIN 2017

Country Austria	Score	This highly structured and really concentrated dry pinot blanc has a fascinating interplay of oak character and fresh-pear and citrus aromas. The long finish is toasty and mineral. Long aging potential. Better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KREUTLES SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	A wonderfully expressive grüner veltliner with aromas of sweet green beans and snow peas, plus plenty of green plums. Generous, but without any hint of heaviness. Long, silky finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING KREMSTAL RIED PFAFFENBERG KABINETT 2017

Country Austria	Score	The extravagant nose of citrus, passion fruit and guava doesn't prepare you for the elegance on the juicy but super-clean palate. Stunning interplay of grapefruit and mineral at the long, expressive finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

F. X. PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU DÜRNSTEINER SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Delicate, peachy nose. Concentrated but cool and properly dry. Long, herb and lime finish that is extremely refreshing. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

F. X. PICHLER SAUVIGNON BLANC WACHAU GROSSE RESERVE 2016

Country Austria	Score	94	Rich yet cool with just a hint of toasty oak that marries well with the green-bean and cassis notes. Very long, complex finish. Better from 2019.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ROTES TOR SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Quite a powerful dry white, but with wonderful elegance. The balance of mirabelle and fresh-herb aromas and fresh acidity is spot on. Ripe and lively finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER RIESLING WACHAU RIED SETZBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Ripe, yet really fine, this has a great combination of citrusy freshness, peachy aroma and just a hint of funk from lees contact. The long and generous finish makes it even more appealing. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

FRITSCH RIESLING WAGRAM MORDTHAL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Still youthful with a lot of herbal and blossom notes, this is concentrated with plenty of minerality, the intensity building beautifully at the imposing finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. No hurry with this one. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

GEYERHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMS TAL STEINLEITHN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Slightly funky and rather closed, this is very sleek and minerally grüner veltliner with a very cool and delicate personality. Long, crystalline finish. From organically grown grapes. Better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

HIRSCH GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL LAMM EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Pronounced basil character, but also a slew of herbal aromas, which together carry the concentrated and powerful palate. Great balance of ripeness and dryness, the supple finish very long. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

HIRSCH RIESLING KAMPTAL HEILIGENSTEIN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	This filigree dry riesling is built on a modest scale, but has a lovely, delicate feel. The long finish has a lot of mandarin, mint and mineral character. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap closure.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

HOLZAPFEL RIESLING WACHAU RIED VORDERSEIBER 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Lots of toasted sesame in the nose makes this a very unusual dry riesling. On the palate, though, this is very classical with a great balance of delicate peaches, spicy notes and minerality that gently pushes the finish on and on. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

JAMEK GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED ACHLEITEN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	The fresh lemon-blossom and lemon-balm aromas, plus lively mineral acidity, help lift this concentrated, high-end grüner veltliner, focusing the long finish to a rapier-like point. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

JAMEK WEISSBURGUNDER WACHAU RIED HOCHRAIN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Rich and nutty with wonderful silkiness as it glides over the palate, this is a stunning dry pinot blanc that proves this grape's great potential in the Danube Valley. The track record of this wine suggests it has a couple of decades of aging potential, if you can resist it now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

KRACHER BURGENLAND BEERENAUSSLESE CUVÉE 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Tons of melon and floral-honey character with just a hint of vanilla, this has a balance rather similar to Sauternes, but with more freshness. A lighter touch and some saltiness at the long, lively finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

KRACHER BURGENLAND RED ROSES 2014

Country Austria	Score	94	Welcome to the city of roses! Did I say lapsang souchong? If so, I was trying to explain how this unique sweet wine from the rosenmuskateller grape doesn't fit into any regular dessert-wine category. Long, port-like finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2014			

KRACHER BURGENLAND TROCKENBEERENAUSSLESE NOBLE RESERVE

Country Austria	Score	94	Lots of honey and toast, but also a ton of dried fruit and lively acidity that lifts this powerful, sweet mouthful. Plenty of caramel and spices at the bold, long finish. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage No Vintage			

KRACHER BURGENLAND TROCKENBEERENAUSSLESE NUMMER 1 2016

Country Austria	Score	94	If you want to stun somebody who knows all the wines of the world, this could be a good choice. A really wild combination of quince paste, rose-water, muscat, dried herbs and candied orange peel. Very concentrated, sweet and long with a lot of energy, but a slightly edgy balance. From the rosenmuskateller grape. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

KRACHER BURGENLAND TROCKENBEERENAUSSLESE NUMMER 3 GRAND CUVÉE 2016

Country Austria	Score	94	Intense dried mango, caramel and floral-honey character. A rich, sweet wine with lively acidity and some serious tannins that pull all of this together in the long, pithy yet clean finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

KRACHER ZWEIFELT BURGENLAND ZWEIFELT TROCKENBEERENAUSSLESE NUMMER 2 2016

Country Austria	Score	94	Tons of dried cherries and cranberries. Rich, supple and concentrated with some tannins helping to balance the richness and sweetness. Long, rather supple finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

KURT ANGERER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL RIED SCHRECKENSTEIN 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	A rich and complex grüner veltliner with layers of pepper and herb flavor. A tiny hint of sweetness at the finish, but there's so much going on there it hardly matters. Great aging potential, but already delicious.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

LUDWIG EHN GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL SPIEGEL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Very delicate with aromas of dripping leaves and flowers after tropical rain, this grüner veltliner has appeal that few would associate with the grape. Very elegant, long finish with a lot of minerality. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

LUDWIG EHN RIESLING KAMPTAL HEILIGENSTEIN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Cool and delicate with white-peach, sliced-pear and cassis aromas, this is a sleek and elegant wine, in spite of the high level of ripeness. The lemon zest and mineral finish is very long and clean. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

MACHHERNDL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED STEINWAND SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	The name of this vineyard means "stone wall" and that's what you feel you are hitting when you drink this! Radical smoke and yeast character on the nose. Then comes a bold and energetic finish that's super mineral and doesn't want to let go. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

MANTLERHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMTAL MOSBURGERIN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	At once fresh, ripe and deep, this manages to be appealing with stone-fruit and delicately earthy notes. Some real intensity at the beautifully balanced finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

MARKUS HUBER GRÜNER VELTLINER TRAISENTAL ALTE SETZEN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	I love the finely nuanced white-fruit character and the subtle herbal notes of this super elegant grüner veltliner from a small and little known region. Uplifting, long finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

MARKUS HUBER GRÜNER VELTLINER TRAISENTAL ZWIRCH EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Charming yet deep, this rather sleek and vibrant grüner veltliner has plenty of herbal freshness and white-peach and sliced-pear character. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

MARKUS HUBER RIESLING TRAISENTAL ROTHENBART EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Lots of wild-berry character here, as well as white peach and citrus notes. A sleek and tightly wound wine with a ton of energy and a long, very crisp finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

NEUMAYER GRÜNER VELTLINER TRAISENTAL DER WEIN VOM STEIN 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	A very elegant and graceful grüner veltliner for 2017, in spite of the moderate acidity. Lots of basil and a delicious creaminess through the long, dry-herb finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

NEUMAYER GRÜNER VELTLINER TRAISENTAL IKON 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	A very concentrated and imposing grüner veltliner with a ton of structure that needs some time to open up. Not much showing yet, but there's no hint of overripe fruit, in spite of the high natural alcohol. Long, clean and mineral finish. Better from 2019.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

NEUMAYER SAUVIGNON BLANC NIEDERÖSTERREICH DER WEIN VOM STEIN 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	I hope that, at some point in your life, you've been able to eat a melon as ripe as this smells. As the wine's name – the wine from stone – implies, this has some serious mineral character, but also a firm tannin base and lively acidity. All of this needs a bit more time to marry, but the finish already packs a punch. Better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

NIGL GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL ALTE REBEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	A delicious, rich but so weighty wine for this grape with a stunning interplay of herbal, citrus and stone-fruit character. Very long finish with a ton of minerality. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

NIKOLAIHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU BAUMPRESSE 2013

Country Austria	Score	94	Quite funky on the nose, but with aeration that blows off. Pressing with a 350-year-old wooden basket press has given this concentrated yet rather austere grüner veltliner a different texture - a positive hardness - to the other Nikolaihof wines. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Drink in 2020.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2013			

PICHLER-KRUTZLER RIESLING KREMSTAL RIED PFAFFENBERG ALTE REBEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	I love the vibrant peach, apricot and passion-fruit aromas of this classic Austrian dry riesling that is as succulent as it is concentrate. The finish is long and intense with mineral freshness that makes it feel almost weightless. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

PICHLER-KRUTZLER RIESLING WACHAU RIED KELLERBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Ripe and succulent but also discreet and elegant, this has a ton of peachy character, plus floral, mandarin and white-chocolate nuances. Great balance through the long, intense finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

PRAGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ACHLEITEN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Masses of dried herbs on the nose, plus white pepper and green plums. Then, a complex interplay of ripeness and creaminess on the palate with discreet tannins and elegant acidity. Long, intensely mineral finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

PRAGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU PICHLPOINT 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Rich and succulent, but the dominant component of the wine is the herbal and peppery complexity. The hint of grape sweetness neatly counterpoints the bright acidity. Lively finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

PRAGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU WACHSTUM BODENSTEIN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	This grüner veltliner is cool and delicate with white-fruit and fresh-herb aromas. On the palate, this is Nordic in personality, thanks to the sleek body and lively acidity that makes the finish very clean and accentuates the considerable mineral character. From the highest-altitude section of the great Achleiten site. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

PROIDL GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL EHRENFELS EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	This rich and concentrated grüner veltliner makes a bold statement, but has impressive mineral freshness at the long finish. I love the apricot note on nose and there's no hint of overripeness here. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

PROIDL GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL GENERATION X 2017

Country Austria	Score	94-95	A star in the making, this powerful and concentrated 2017 grüner veltliner not only has stunning mirabelles and an intense, toasty note, but wonderful textural richness and enough citrusy acidity to carry it all.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

PROIDL GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL PELLINGEN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Tons of stone fruit and some fresh pineapple, but also hints of sweet, vegetal aromas and a wonderful silkiness on the palate. Very long finish in which creaminess and minerality are interwoven. Slight warmth from alcohol. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

PROIDL RIESLING KREMSTAL PFENNIGBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Brimming with peaches and apricots, this is a very rich but bone dry riesling that has serious structure and finishes with considerable mineral power. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

RUDI PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU HOCHRAIN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Still slightly funky from long lees contact. This is an extremely attractive grüner veltliner that's simultaneously creamy and minerally with plenty of lemon-zest freshness and a long, silky finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

SALOMON UNDHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL LINDBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	94	Cool with a lot of minty freshness, this is powerful but sleek with a plenty of mineral energy and a very long, crystalline finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

SALOMON UNDHOF RIESLING KREMSTAL KÖGL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Lovely peachy nose. Ripe and rich, but with acidity that lights everything up. Very clean finish with wonderful mineral freshness. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

SALOMON UNDHOF RIESLING KREMSTAL STEINER KÖGL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Great peaches and apricots, married to full body, serious concentration and power. Bold, complex finish and acidity that's discreetly present throughout. Screw cap.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL GRUB EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Ripe, deep and mellow with lots of snow-pea and mirabelle character, this is a really concentrated and well structured wine that makes a serious statement, without being at all loud. Stunning finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL RENNER EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Ripe and creamy, but with a touch of horseradish that really gives it a kick, this is a very distinctive wine. Long, lively finish, in spite of the richness. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG GRÜNER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH TRADITION 2016

Country Austria	Score	Tons of candied citrus of all types and an exciting balance of mature fruit with subtle tannins, creaminess and acidity that lifts the long, powerful and layered finish. Matured for 18 months in large, neutral oak, as was the norm 50-100 years ago. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2016		

SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG PINOT NOIR NIEDERÖSTERREICH RESERVE 2016

Country Austria	Score	You could easily mistake this for a village wine from Burgundy, thanks to the cherry, earthy and meaty notes, as well as the balance of dry tannins and bright acidity on the medium-full body. Long, dry and mineral finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2016		

SOHM & KRACHER GRÜNER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH SINGLE VINEYARD 2015

Country Austria	Score	Another unique grüner veltliner from and rock-star sommelier, Aldo Sohm and Gerhard Kracher, which you might mistake for a serious white burgundy from a cool vintage. Dried-pear, candied-lemon and toasted-nut character, the acidity beautifully integrated in the creamy lees character Long and firm finish. Just bottled after three years on the lees. Serious aging potential. Better from 2019.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2015		

SOHM & KRACHER GRÜNER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH ST. GEORG 2016

Country Austria	Score	With plenty of sliced pears, plus some Thai basil, this unique grüner veltliner is both concentrated and texturally complex. Then, both silky and chalky at the long finish. From St. Georgen in Burgenland and bottled after two years on the lees.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2016		

STADT KREMS RIESLING KREMSTAL GRILLENPARZ EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	For the warm vintage this is very sleek and lively with such delicate blossom notes. However, there's impressive, underplayed power here. Very long, lemon and mineral finish. Better from 2019.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

TOPF RIESLING KAMPTAL WECHSELBERG SPIEGEL EL M 2017

Country Austria	Score	Very ripe and concentrated. Yet, in the context of the warm vintage it's not that massive; it packs a big punch of peaches, but still manages to balance beautifully. Long, succulent yet delicate finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

WIENINGER MERLOT WIEN GRAND SELECT 2015

Country Austria	Score	A rich yet elegant Merlot that you could mistake for an ambitious, modern St.-Emilion with plenty of bitter chocolate and ripe blue fruit. The moderate tannins are already beautifully integrated in the full, plush body. Long, complete finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2015		

WIENINGER RIESLING WIEN RIED PREUSSEN EL NUSSBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	Who realizes that Vienna produces some world-class dry rieslings like this! I love the fine, peach nose, then the elegant but juicy palate, where chalky freshness underlines the lively acidity through the long, polished finish. Drink or hold. Vinolok glass closure.
Region Danube	94	
Vintage 2017		

BERNHARD OTT GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL ENGEBRUNN EDITION PAULA BOSCH 2017

Country Austria	Score	Very complex vegetal and peppery nose. Then, excellent definition on the creamy palate, as the minerality charges through on the finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

BERNHARD OTT RIESLING WAGRAM RIED KIRCHTHAL 2017

Country Austria	Score	I love the peach, nectarine and mandarin notes of this elegant and polished dry riesling that has plenty of concentration with an intense mineral finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

BIRGIT EICHINGER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL RIED WECHSELBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	This is anything but loud on the nose and might easily be overlooked as a result. In fact, there's ample concentration and textural complexity here, the generous finish full of minerals. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

BIRGIT EICHINGER GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL GAISBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	A very classic, rich dry grüner veltliner with plenty of pepper and spice, but also attractive mirabelle and citrus-fruit character. Moderate acidity, but a pretty radical mineral finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

BIRGIT EICHINGER RIESLING KAMPTAL HEILIGENSTEIN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	I love the ripe and subtle pear aroma of this wine, together with its textural richness and long, generous finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

BRANDL GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL LAMM EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Cool and deep with a lot of white-fruit character, this is ripe and succulent yet fresh and clean. Long and pure finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

BRÜNDLMAYER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL SPIEGEL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	A well structured yet cool and rather sleek grüner veltliner with a rather closed nose, but very good potential if you can be patient. Long, firm and texturally complex finish. From organically grown grapes. Better from 2019.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

BRÜNDLMAYER PINOT NOIR NIEDERÖSTERREICH 2016

Country Austria	Score	An impressive pinot noir that marries subtle forest floor, cherry and autumnal aromas with medium body, fine-grained tannins and just enough acidity to make this wine sparkle at the long, delicate finish. From organically grown grapes.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2016		

BUCHEGGER RIESLING KREMS TAL VORDERNBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	The wet-leaf, fern and stone character makes this sleek and crisp 2017 dry riesling stand out from the pack. Seriously racy and lemony finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

COBENZL WEISSBURGUNDER WIEN RIED REISENBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	This very fresh and spring-like dry pinot blanc has beautiful fresh-nut and sliced-pear aromas. The medium-to full-bodied palate is full of fruit and energy, the finish long and graceful. Enormously food flexible. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

DOMÄNE WACHAU GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KELLERBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Plenty of white chocolate and pepper (of all colors!) make this a striking 2017 grüner veltliner. Built on quite a massive scale, but the crisp acidity rescues it from bombast. The long finish has tons of lemon zest and spice. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

DOMÄNE WACHAU RIESLING WACHAU RIED SINGERRIEDEL SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	There's still a slight disconnect between the rather exotic nose and the firm, closed palate, but this has a lot of ripeness and power, combined with healthy acidity that drives the long finish. Better from 2019.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

EBNER-EBENAUER GRÜNER VELTLINER WEINVIERTEL SAUBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	Rather closed still, but this is a rather concentrated and very elegant grüner veltliner. Long, delicate herb and green-pepper finish that's supported by some fine tannins. Better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

EDLMOSER CABERNET SAUVIGNON & MERLOT WIEN VERTIGO 2013

Country Austria	Score	Big, ripe blackcurrant, smoke and 100 per cent bitter-chocolate nose that's just beginning to show a hint of maturity. I love the balance of richness and freshness on the palate, the tannins now very well integrated into the bold yet balanced whole. Long, polished finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2013		

EDLMOSER GEMISCHTER SATZ WIEN RIED HIMMEL-MAURERBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	Less monumental than Edlmoser's other single-vineyard gemischter satz, or field blend, this is succulent and creamy with subtle tart-au-citron, vanilla and mineral character. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

EDLMOSER SAUVIGNON BLANC WIEN KADOLZBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	A very ripe and concentrated sauvignon blanc with fine papaya, passion-fruit and star-fruit aromas. Rich texture, but supported beautifully by very elegant acidity. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU LOIBNER SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	A very elegant and rather discreet riesling Smaragd that you could easily overlook for that reason. However, this has an impressive structure and a long, mineral finish. Better from 2019.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	A stunning dry riesling for just 12.5 per cent alcohol with a slew of peach and subtle exotic-fruit notes. Very long, straight finish with a lot of drive. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

F. X. PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU DÜRNSTEINER SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Ripe white fruit, generous body and an open heart make this a very appealing grüner veltliner. An impressive combination of richness and enough acidity to keep it lively. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

F. X. PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU BURGSTALL FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Stunning white-peach nose. Sleek, juicy and racy with uplifting energy at the lime finish. Delicious now, but will also age. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU CHARDONNAY SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	You could easily imagine that this impressive chardonnay saw some wood. Yet, in spite of the toasty note, it never did. That doesn't stop it from combining power and lemony freshness with a hint of flint. Considerable concentration, without any hint of heaviness. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KIRCHWEG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	Generous and fleshy, but with just a hint of creaminess, this is a very attractive, medium-to full-bodied grüner veltliner. Long, silky finish that has real finesse. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER RIESLING WACHAU STEINTERRASSEN FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	This has such an expressive lemon character – everything from lemon blossom to lemon pie – with wonderful juiciness and vibrant acidity. Although this might seem quite light, previous vintages demonstrate that it has excellent aging potential. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER WEISSBURGUNDER WACHAU RIED STEINPORZ SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	This dry pinot blanc has a complex nose of citrus and fresh nuts, then a full but rather cool and almost sleek body, the finish delicate and fresh. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

FRITSCH GRÜNER VELTLINER WAGRAM MORDTHAL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	For a grüner veltliner from fertile loess soil, this is remarkably subtle with some herbal complexity alongside the citrusy fruit. The supple finish features a satisfying balance of creaminess and minerality. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

GEYERHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL RIED HOHER RAIN 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	Who says that grüner veltliner has to smell of pepper? Complex nose of stone fruit, licorice and wild thyme. A lot of depth and length for just 12.5 per cent alcohol, the finish as complex as the nose. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

GEYERHOF RIESLING KREMSTAL KIRCHENSTEIG EL 2016

Country Austria	Score	93	The open lemon-blossom and lime-pie nose makes a deceptive impression. Only medium-bodied, but with plenty of structure and a long, firm finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

HAJSZAN-NEUMANN RIESLING WIEN RIED STEINBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	Another very serious riesling from Vienna, but this one is still really closed with only some smoke and licorice currently showing. Tons of minerality on the palate, but this also makes the wine rather austere, particularly on the finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Better from 2019. Vinolok glass closure.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

HIEDLER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL RIED THAL 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	A generous yet fresh grüner veltliner with a lot of citrus and herbal character, plus an enticing balance of generous fruit, medium body and lively acidity through the long, complex finish. From up to 80-year-old vines. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

HIEDLER RIESLING KAMPTAL GAISBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	An elegant wine with a ton of citrus, white-peach and mineral character, the balance of fruit, acidity and alcohol spot on. Long, complex finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

HIEDLER RIESLING KAMPTAL KOGELBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	Slightly funky at first, but also full of candied lemon-peel and mineral character, this is quite a radical but also beautifully crafted dry riesling. Long, vibrant finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

HIRSCH GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL KAMMERN 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	A firework display of herbal and green-pepper aromas, as well as some yeasty character that will give this good aging potential for a village wine. Very concentrated and vibrant with near perfect harmony for just 12 per cent alcohol. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

HÖGL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED SCHÖN ALTE PARZELLEN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	Rich and concentrated, but with complex herb and spice character, this is a very expressive 2017 grüner veltliner. And that really makes a huge difference at the finish, where it greatly helps to integrate the ample alcohol. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

HÖGL RIESLING WACHAU RIED BRÜCK ALTE PARZELLEN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	Packed with ripe apricots, mangoes and pineapple this is an extravagant dry riesling. Yet, beneath the baroque exterior there are cool depths and lovely mineral freshness. Long, harmonious finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

HÖGL RIESLING WACHAU RIED BRÜCK SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	Stunning interplay between ripe-peach and tropical-flower aromas with vibrant freshness, enabling this wine to taste as if it has nowhere near 14 per cent alcohol. I love the long, exciting mineral and lemon-zest finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

HOLZAPFEL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KOLLMITZ SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	This may not be the most concentrated 2017 grüner veltliner from the Wachau, but I love the fresh peaches and the lively acidity that give this remarkable charm for a dry white with 14 per cent alcohol. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

JAMEK GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED LIEBENBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	The subtle nose of licorice, candied lemon and green pepper pulls you into this very elegant and polished grüner veltliner that has a light touch and lovely freshness for the warm vintage. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

JURTSCHITSCH GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL KÄFERBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Rich and elegant with plenty of herb and snow-pea character, this has a lot of structure and originality. A hint of butter at the long, firm finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

JURTSCHITSCH GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL LAMM EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	A rich and firmly structured, high-end grüner veltliner that lives through minerality rather than alcohol or acidity. Long, supple finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

JURTSCHITSCH GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL LOISERBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Quite rich and creamy but also finely nuanced, this is a sophisticated grüner veltliner that needs some time to reveal its herb and mineral depths. Long, silky finish. From organically grown grapes. Better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

JURTSCHITSCH GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMS TAL DECHANT EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	At first glance, this might seem to be a rather light and crisp grüner veltliner. In fact, it has a lot of herbal and mineral character, then a long, lemon and mineral finish that suggests this has great aging potential. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

KRACHER BLAUFRÄNKISCH BURGENLAND REUNION VISION 2015

Country Austria	Score	Bold, elderberry nose with plenty of pepper, smoke and vanilla. Quite a big wine with serious tannins for this grape variety that help balance the typical, fresh acidity. Long finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2015		

KRACHER BURGENLAND AUSLESE CUVÉE 2017

Country Austria	Score	A real, exotic-fruit compote (plenty of papaya!) with a very attractive combination of richness and freshness. Long, succulent finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

KRACHER BURGENLAND BLEND 1 2015

Country Austria	Score	Lots of pepper, cinnamon and cloves on the nose make a bold statement. Generous body with a great interplay between black plums, healthy, dry tannins and impressive length. A blend of zweigelt with some blaufränkisch that spent almost three years in wood. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2015		

KRACHER CHARDONNAY BURGENLAND BLICK 2015

Country Austria	Score	93	An impressive chardonnay with smoky, yeasty and candied-lemon character, quite a firm structure and a long, chalky finish. Just bottled after two years in wood, this is the first vintage of this wine from the Leithagebirge area of Burgenland.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2015			

KRACHER MUSKAT OTTONEL BURGENLAND AUSLESE 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	At once rather lush and refreshing, this sweet muscat has an interesting combination of lemon-pith bitterness and juicy passion-fruit character. Very clean finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

KRACHER TRAMINER BURGENLAND AUSLESE 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	Roses without end. Either that's exactly your thing, or it will be way too much for you. Succulent finish with a ton of rose-petal character. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

KRACHER WELSCHRIESLING BURGENLAND 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	With plenty of stone-fruit and spring-meadow aromas, this shows what's possible with dry welschriesling. Serious concentration and very elegant balance, the finish crisp and rather mineral. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

KRACHER ZWEIGELT BURGENLAND BEEREN AUSLESE 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	A red BA? Yes, this crazy stuff has plenty of maraschino cherries and some cooked black plums! Taste like a crazy marriage of cherry-liqueur chocolates and a white BA. The touch of tannin helps the acidity to balance the full sweetness. Where is the blue cheese? Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

KURT ANGERER RIESLING KAMPTAL RIED AMETSBERG RESERVE 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	Stand back, because here comes the boss! Plenty of lemon-curd character and a lot of power and lively acidity, making a major statement that's confirmed by the bold, earthy finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

LILIAN & KRACHER TRANSYLVANIA ICE WINE 2016

Country Rumania	Score	93	Very floral with a lot of charm and a playful character that few ice wines have. Very attractive, fresh finish with moderate acidity for this category. Where is Forme d'Ambert or Blue d'Auvergne cheese? The second vintage of this wine.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

LOIMER PINOT NOIR NIEDERÖSTERREICH LANGENLOIS 2016

Country Austria	Score	93	This impressive Austrian pinot noir has great black-cherry, smoke and earthy character, the fine-grained tannins beautifully balancing the generous body. The finish is very long and velvety. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

LOIMER RIESLING KAMPTAL STEINMASSL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Striking nose of sliced pears and vanilla (there's no new oak in here!), this is ripe, elegant and polished with a long, lemon and mineral finish that has a lot of energy and excitement. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

LUDWIG NEUMAYER GRÜNER VELTLINER TRAISENTAL ROTHENBART EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	The red-cherry note of this very closed, but highly structured grüner veltliner makes it stand out from the crowd. Long, very fresh finish for the warm vintage. Better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

LUDWIG NEUMAYER GRÜNER VELTLINER TRAISENTAL ZWIRCH EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	In spite of its youthfulness, this is clearly a powerful and concentrated dry white with an intense aroma of candied orange peel, but also great mineral drive at the bold finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

LUDWIG NEUMAYER RIESLING TRAISENTAL ROTHENBART EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Complex white-fruit and herb nose that's still very youthful. Concentrated and highly structured with a lot of minerality and some tannins, this has been built for the long term. Better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

MACHHERNDL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU FOR FRIENDS ONLY SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	This richly textured Smaragd is still tightly wound and will probably need a couple of years before giving its best. Yet, there's both concentration and vitality in this wine and the long finish packs quite a tannic punch. Better from 2019. Screw cap. Only in magnums.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

MACHHERNDL RIESLING WACHAU RIED KOLLMÜTZ SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Complex aromas of candied citrus peel and oolong tea make this medium-to full-bodied dry riesling immediately appealing. Yet, there's some serious structure on the crisp and mineral palate. Very long finish that's still tightly wound. Better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

MANTLERHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMS TAL SPIEGEL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Another rich yet well balanced 2017 grüner veltliner from this producer. Full mirabelle fruit and plenty of extract, the finish rather supple but long and well proportioned. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

MANTLERHOF RIESLING KREMS TAL STEINGRABEN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	The hint of melted butter is beautifully integrated in the palate of this rich and polished dry riesling. Long, powerful finish that remains very harmonious. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

MANTLERHOF RIESLING KREMTAL WIELAND EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Ripe and generous with a slew of stone-fruit and moderate acidity, this is a beautifully balanced dry riesling that gives so much pleasure. Long, supple finish with some minerality. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

MANTLERHOF ROTER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTEREICH RIED REISENTHAL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Quite funky with smoke and caramel notes, this is a rich and creamy dry white with plenty of juicy apricots and a long and supple finish. Made from organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

MARKUS HUBER GRÜNER VELTLINER TRAISENAL OBERE STEIGEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	Lovely, fresh mirabelle aroma with hints of white pepper and licorice make this medium-bodied grüner veltliner very attractive and easy to enjoy. The supple but very clean finish makes it a great food wine. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

MARKUS HUBER RIESLING TRAISENAL ENGELSBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	Slightly funky at first, but it blows off quickly to reveal a cornucopia of pears and nectarines, the racy acidity lighting up the medium body, which has some textural complexity. Clean and long finish with lemons, herbs and minerals. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

NIGL RIESLING KREMTAL PIRI 2017

Country Austria	Score	A stunning dry riesling for the moderate price. Brimming with peach, baking-spice and bread-dough aromas. Ripe and concentrated, but with HD clarity and a ton of mineral freshness and a long finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

NIKOLAIHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU IM WEINGEBIRGE SMARAGD 2015

Country Austria	Score	At once powerful and rather sleek for the warm vintage, this grüner veltliner has a ton of structure and herbal complexity with just a hint of oak. Green-pepper note at the long finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2015		

NIKOLAIHOF RIESLING WACHAU SEKT BRUT NATURE 2014

Country Austria	Score	A unusually subtle and refined sparkling riesling with a great peachy nose. Very dry, but elegant with a long, very crisp and mineral finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Drink now.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2014		

NIKOLAIHOF RIESLING WACHAU VOM STEIN FEDERSPIEL 2011

Country Austria	Score	This almost literally smells of history; the dried-apple, pear and candied-lemon aromas are very much of the kind I imagine a young riesling from the 19th century would have had. Six years maturation in wooden barrel have certainly made this medium-bodied wine more imposing, but also more subtle. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2011		

PETRA UNGER GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL GOTTSHELLE EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Tons of candied orange peel with notes of green beans and white pepper, making this a very distinctive, full-bodied dry grüner veltliner. Lots of power at the bold, slightly tannic finish. Where is that wiener schnitzel? Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

PFAFFL GRÜNER VELTLINER WEINVIERTEL GOLDEN RESERVE 2017

Country Austria	Score	This richly textural grüner veltliner is a hardcore example of the grape. So much power, but also enough acidity to carry all this extravagance. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

PFAFFL GRÜNER VELTLINER WEINVIERTEL HUND RESERVE 2017

Country Austria	Score	Muscular and well-structured, this is a bold grüner veltliner with mirabelle, vanilla and white-pepper aromas. Despite lots of body and extract, it's not heavy. The finish packs a big punch. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

PFAFFL NIEDERÖSTERREICH EXCELLENT RESERVE 2016

Country Austria	Score	A rather serious, Bordeaux-style blend that incorporates the Austrian zweigelt grape. This has a dense, cassis and vanilla nose, with no hint of bell pepper. Powerful and plush, the tannins build steadily at the long finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2016		

PFAFFL RIESLING NIEDERÖSTERREICH RESERVE PASSION 2016

Country Austria	Score	A rich, peachy dry riesling that would be opulent if it wasn't for the lively acidity that lifts the considerable body. A hint of sweetness at the long finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2016		

PICHLER-KRUTZLER GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL RIED PFAFFENBERG ALTE REBEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	Rich yet cool and delicate, this is a complex grüner veltliner with a hint of flint, plenty of herbal aromas and some serious tannins. Bold, firm finish that gives this excellent aging potential. Best with hearty food. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

PICHLER-KRUTZLER RIESLING WACHAU IN DER WAND 2017

Country Austria	Score	Stand back for the arrival of this super-refreshing 2017 Austrian dry riesling that's brimming with peaches, peach blossom and fresh herbs. The pristine flavors are precisely delineated, the finish long and mineral. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

RUDI PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU TERRASSEN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	A delicious grüner veltliner that's both juicy and beautifully balanced. This has great mirabelle character, plus delicate and sweet vegetal aromas. Long, elegant and properly dry finish that makes you want to order a fine fish dish right now!
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

RUDI PICHLER ROTER VELTLINER SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Lots of candied orange peel, plus touches of bergamot and basil. In spite of the high alcohol, this is a lively and refreshing wine with a long finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

RUDI PICHLER WEISSBURGUNDER WACHAU KOLLMÜTZ SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	A super elegant dry pinot blanc with impressive concentration. Lovely white-peach and sliced-pear aromas. Long, very clean finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

SALOMON UNDHOF RIESLING KREMTAL PFAFFENBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Complex exotic-fruit aromas, generous body and moderate acidity make this a very easy dry riesling to enjoy. There's good structure behind it, though. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

SALOMON UNDHOF RIESLING KREMTAL WOLKE FÜR ZWEI 2017

Country Austria	Score	An unusually concentrated and well-structured pét-nat that doesn't leave any doubt (it's not going to oxidize in the glass like some do). Lots of herbal, mineral and yeasty character.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG RIESLING KAMPTAL GAISBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	This is rather funky and it doesn't blow off quickly. However, behind this is a concentrated riesling with plenty of textural complexity and a long, spicy finish. Long aging potential. Better from 2020.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG RIESLING KAMPTAL ZÖBING 2017

Country Austria	Score	If this was marketed as being from the great Heiligenstein vineyard site of Zöbing, nobody would complain, because it has that level of sophistication. Tons of yellow fruit, plus melon and apple notes, this has remarkable texturally complexity for just 12.5 per cent alcohol and plenty of structure at the long finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG ZWEIFELT NIEDERÖSTERREICH RESERVE 2016

Country Austria	Score	This has a cooked red-beet aroma, as well as ripe plums with a discreet touch of smoky oak. Some real concentration on the well structured palate, where the interplay of fruit, acidity and solid tannins gives the wine a lot of appeal. Long, rather complex, warm finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2016		

SCHMELZ RIESLING WACHAU BEST OF SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	This very ripe dry riesling has a seriously exotic personality with pineapple, grapefruit and nectarine aromas. Yet, it's actually rather restrained. The elegant acidity neatly balances all the richness and the finish is clean and lively. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

SCHMELZ RIESLING WACHAU DÜRNSTEINER FREIHEIT SMARAGD 2012

Country Austria	Score	93	A lovely, mature Wachau dry riesling with plenty of toasted white bread, lime marmalade and a hint of petrol-type character. Medium to full body with a hint of honey from bottle age, yet a clean, long finish. This has great food flexibility. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2012			

SCHMELZ RIESLING WACHAU DÜRNSTEINER FREIHEIT SMARAGD 2011

Country Austria	Score	93	An impressive, fully mature dry riesling with considerable richness and lively acidity that's now perfectly integrated. The floral-honey and marzipan notes may not be for everyone. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2011			

SCHMID GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL GEBLING EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	Very distinctive tangerine nose. Ripe and juicy, but also crisp and lively, a dark mineral character building nicely on the long finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

SOHM & KRACHER GRÜNER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH ALTE REBEN 2016

Country Austria	Score	93	Fine mirabelle and peach nose with subtle herb and nutty notes. Serious structure for a wine with only medium body, then a long, clean and firm finish. From the Pulkautal area of the Weinviertel, just bottled after 2 years maturation on the lees. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

STADT KREMS GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL WACHTBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	Very ripe yet subtle and elegant, this serious grüner veltliner has a summer-meadow nose. There's lots of structure and minerality, too, but remaining below the water line until you get to the imposing and complex finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

STADT KREMS RIESLING KREMSTAL RIED SCHRECK RESERVE 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	This is a pretty radical dry riesling with a hint of funk in the nose and a lot of depth. Yet, it is all tightly woven and restrained. Long, seriously mineral finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

STEININGER RIESLING KAMPTAL SEINHAUS EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	Cool, sleek and lemony, this is so energetic and delicate that it takes your breath away. Long, vibrant finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

STIFT GÖTTWEIG GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL GOTTSHELLE EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	93	The whole range of citrus aromas, from pomelo to bergamot over tangerine, makes this a very appealing, high-end grüner veltliner. Juicy and lively. The power and structure are underplayed, until you reach the long, clean finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

STIFT GÖTTWEIG RIESLING KREMSTAL PFAFFENBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Very cool and fresh with crisp acidity, the exotic side of this top site is underplayed until you get to the finish, when a peacock's tail of aromas suddenly opens up. Better from 2019.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

STIFT GÖTTWEIG RIESLING KREMSTAL SILBERBICHL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Here, the lemony character of this site is married to very attractive juiciness. Racy acidity is well integrated in the rather sleek body, giving a very refreshing and lively finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

WESZELI RIESLING KAMPTAL SEEBERG EL 2016

Country Austria	Score	Bold and expressive with quite a powerful, tannic structure, this dry riesling will not appeal to everyone, but has fascinating, dark depths and serious aging potential. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2016		

WIENINGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WIEN RIED PREUSSEN EL NUSSBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	A very unusual grüner veltliner that is at once rich and creamy, fresh and minerally. Very powerful, chalky finish that needs some time to shake down. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Better from 2019. Vinolok glass closure.
Region Danube	93	
Vintage 2017		

ALLRAM RIESLING KAMPTAL HEILIGENSTEIN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Quite closed on the nose, then the classic delicate-peach and mineral character of the great Heiligenstein site on the palate. Long, linear finish. A hint of sweetness detracts slightly from the balance. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

BERNHARD OTT GRÜNER VELTLINER WAGRAM DER OTT 2017

Country Austria	Score	Plenty of candied orange-peel and herbal character. Only medium-bodied, but there's some real textural complexity on the palate. Long, supple finish that makes this very food friendly. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

BIRGIT EICHINGER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL LAMM EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	A very attractive, medium-to full-bodied grüner veltliner with plenty of mirabelles and citrus fruit, the finish very well balanced. Drink now.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

BIRGIT EICHINGER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL RIED HASEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Quite a creamy 2017 grüner veltliner, but there's plenty of snow-pea, green-bean, white pepper and herb character, plus enough acidity to create nice balance. Good depth at the long finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

BIRGIT EICHINGER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL STRASS 2017

Country Austria	Score	Full green-bean and green-pepper character, generous fruit and appealing roundness, then a long finish for a village wine like this. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

BRANDL RIESLING KAMPTAL KOGELBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Lemon-balm, licorice and white-peach aromas make this a distinctive dry riesling and the long, lemon and mineral finish is no less striking. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

BRÜNDLMAYER CHARDONNAY NIEDERÖSTERREICH 2016

Country Austria	Score	Plenty of dried-pear character, alongside the toasty oak and very good balance of fruit. Medium to full body and refreshing acidity make this a marvelous wine for roast chicken or grilled fish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2016		

COBENZL RIESLING WIEN NUSSBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	This rich and supple dry riesling has so much peachy fruit and such good harmony that many pinot grigio drinkers would go for it. Nice freshness and not a jot too heavy. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

COBENZL RIESLING WIEN RIED PREUSSEN 2016

Country Austria	Score	This well structured and ripe dry riesling from Vienna is now beginning to mature nicely and the chalky minerals complement the ripe-apricot character beautifully. Long finish. Drink now.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2016		

COBENZL WEISSBURGUNDER WIEN RIED SEIDENHAUS 2015

Country Austria	Score	Plenty of toffee and caramel, but also candied citrus-peel and dried-apple notes, make this a complex, oak-aged pinot blanc. The oak is clearly there on the palate, but not dominant; in fact, this has an almost silky texture, until you reach the long, firm finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2015		

DOLLE GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMTAL GAISBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Cool mandarin-orange and herb nose. Good body and depth, the flavors building nicely at the bold finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

DOMÄNE WACHAU GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED ACHLEITEN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Lots of candied lemon-peel character, plus notes of green pepper and sliced sushi ginger, make this a distinctive Wachau grüner veltliner. For a 2017, the power is rather restrained and you barely feel the high alcohol content. Generous but dry finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

DOMÄNE WACHAU GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED LIEBENBERG FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	A classic Wachau grüner veltliner with a full and open, herbal nose, sleek and finely etched body and a long, mineral finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

EBNER-EBENAUER GRÜNER VELTLINER WEINVIERTEL ALTE REBEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	Ripe and delicate with nectarine and orange aromas, plus some summer-meadow character. Medium to full body with a light touch at the front, then a great balance of fruit, fine tannins and minerals at the long, intense finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

EHN RIESLING KAMPTAL LANGENLOIS URGESTEIN 2017

Country Austria	Score	Cool and herbal with discreet stone fruit, this dry riesling has major minerality and a very long, crystalline finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

EMMERICH KNOLL CHARDONNAY WACHAU SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Very lemony and with considerable power, but directness that's light years removed from the style of white burgundy. Some nutty and smoky character at the finish, but no hint of oak. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED TRUM FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	The most aromatic of the 2017 grüner veltliner Federspiels from Knoll, this has a ton of herb and white-pepper character, plus a long and crisp, mineral finish. Only the second vintage of this wine. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

EMMERICH KNOLL MUSKATELLER WACHAU LOIBNER FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	A subtle and elegant dry muscat with a pink-grapefruit note that is anything but loud. Long, clean finish. Drink now.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

F. X. PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KLOSTERSATZ FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Plenty of herbal, white-pepper and mineral character here, in spite of the relatively light body. The finish is very focused and impressively long for this quality level. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

FRITSCH GRÜNER VELTLINER WAGRAM SCHLOSSBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	A deep, concentrated grüner veltliner, but the touch of unfermented grape sweetness disturbs the balance somewhat. Lots of orange, bergamot and thyme, though. Maybe better from 2020.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

GEYERHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL ROSENSTEIG 2017

Country Austria	Score	A very attractive young wine with the entire spectrum of citrus aromas. Very crisp and minerally with positive herbal freshness at the long finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

GEYERHOF RIESLING KREMSTAL GOLDBERG EL 2016

Country Austria	Score	This powerful yet fresh dry riesling has a lot of dried orange-peel and some chalky character, but falls away slightly at the harmonious finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2016		

GROSS RIESLING NIEDERÖSTERREICH RIED AUF DER HENNE RESERVE 2017

Country Austria	Score	For the Weinviertel region, this a daring and complex dry riesling that's still slightly funky from long lees contact. The palate has some serious tannins, which may be too challenging if what you want is a fruity wine. However, there are attractive apricot and herbal notes, too. Powerful, dry finish. Better from 2019.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

HERBERT ZILLINGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WEINVIERTEL VOGELSANG 2017

Country Austria	Score	Lots of candied orange-peel aroma, married to intense herbal notes and a hint of vanilla. Powerful and muscular with plenty of tannins, this is a hardcore, modern-style grüner veltliner that balances pretty well. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

HIEDLER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL LANGENLOIS 2017

Country Austria	Score	A classic Langenlois grüner veltliner that has great white-pepper, citrus and green-bean aromas. Medium-bodied with an excellent balance of fruit, body and freshness, plus some textural complexity at the long finish. Great value! Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

HIEDLER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL SCHENKENBICHL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	A powerful and impressive grüner veltliner that has great balance between the cooler and warmer aspects of the wine – the fruit and herbal notes. With more power and length at the finish this would rate even higher. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

HIEDLER RIESLING KAMPTAL RIED STEINHAUS 2017

Country Austria	Score	The whiff of flint really adds something to the delicate white-peach and lemon aromas of this wine. Full of fruit yet racy and mineral, making this very appealing. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

HIRSCH GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL GRUB EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Intense herbal and sweet-vegetal notes push the white-fruit aromas to the edge of the picture. Although quite delicate, this has an unusually creamy personality for this producer. Good length. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

HIRSCH GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL RENNER EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Cool and delicate, in spite of all the ripeness and substance, this has a long, elegant finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

HIRSCH RIESLING KAMPTAL ZÖBING 2017

Country Austria	Score	Cassis and plenty of herbs on the nose including some Thai basil, leading you into this very fresh and energetic dry riesling with a long, mineral finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

HOLZAPFEL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ZEHENTHOF FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	I love the complex nose of yellow grapefruit, white pepper and basil. Ripe and surprisingly rich for a Federspiel. The balance of power and richness is very satisfying, the finish lively and long. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

JÄGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED VORDER SEIBER SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Very bright white-pepper and herbal aromas, together with a lively personality, manage to integrate neatly the high alcoholic content, enabling this to taste way lighter and more refreshing than it really is. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

JÄGER RIESLING WACHAU RIED ACHLEITEN FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	With delicate floral and white-peach character, crisp acidity and mineral freshness, this dry riesling is a very cool customer for the opulent 2017 vintage. Very clean finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

JÄGER RIESLING WACHAU RIED STEINRIEGL SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Thanks to the cool, herbal nose, sleek body and crisp acidity, you only begin to feel the alcohol at the finish. However, even there, the chalky minerality of this site keeps the balance in check. Drink now.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

JAMEK CHARDONNAY WACHAU RIED ZWEIKREUZGARTEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	I love the ripe-orange aroma of this distinctively Austrian chardonnay that has seen zero new oak. Ripe and generous yet fresh and elegant, this is a very food friendly wine, also for many spicy, East Asian dishes. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

JAMEK RIESLING WACHAU DÜRNSTEINER FREIHEIT 2017

Country Austria	Score	Although this rich riesling is slightly off-dry, it has beautiful peaches and liveliness that helps considerably to integrate the creamy richness. Clean and quite long finish. Drink now.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

JOHANN DONABAUM GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KIRCHWEG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Enormous aromas of papaya and great concentration on the palate. Yet, lively acidity manages to master the widescreen personality of this wine pretty well. However, there's a hint of caramel on the finish which suggests it would be best drunk now.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

JOHANN DONABAUM RIESLING WACHAU LIMITIERTE EDITION SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	A bold and powerful dry riesling with plenty of apricots and some papaya, this is a fully ripe but not opulent or overblown 2017. Rather long, harmonious finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

JURTSCHITSCH RIESLING KAMPTAL LOISERBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Although this only has 12.5 per cent alcohol, it's quite a ripe and rich wine. Then comes the rather austere finish with almost aggressive minerality. From organically grown grapes. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

JURTSCHITSCH RIESLING KAMPTAL HEILIGENSTEIN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Plenty of licorice, but not much fruit and slightly funky in the nose. This has serious mineral intensity on the medium-bodied palate, but is quite austere. From organically grown grapes. Better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

KRACHER BLAUFRÄNKISCH BURGENLAND REUNION PASSION 2015

Country Austria	Score	A serious blaufränkisch with plenty of black cherries and hints of pepper and cloves. Medium-full body with appealing fleshiness and enough tannins to support this nicely. Crisp and dry finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2015		

KRACHER BURGENLAND K 2016

Country Austria	Score	This is not bone dry and, on the nose, it's anything but showy. On the palate, though, there's a very attractive balance of ripe grapefruit and the touch of bitterness that grapefruit pith gives. Fullish body and rather elegant acidity. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2016		

KRACHER BURGENLAND SPÄTLESE CUVÉE 2016

Country Austria	Score	Perfumed in the Coco Chanel sense, this is a playful and juicy wine with a touch of sweetness and a ton of fruit-salad character. Clean finish. A blend of chardonnay, welschriesling and pinot blanc. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2016		

KRACHER PINOT GRIS BURGENLAND RESERVE 2016

Country Austria	Score	This was just bottled and the vanilla oak is immediately quite obvious. Then, with aeration, melon and pear aromas open up nicely. Good depth, without being a jot too heavy, but there is a hint of alcohol at the finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2016		

KURT ANGERER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL EICHENSTAUE 2017

Country Austria	Score	Brimming with ripe yellow apples and subtle notes of herbs, this has a ton of character for a modestly priced grüner veltliner. I love the balance at the long, fresh finish. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

LAGLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED STEINBORZ SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	A lush, exotic and powerful grüner veltliner Smaragd with a great mouthfeel and just enough acidity to carry the whole package with composure. Long, creamy finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

LAGLER RIESLING WACHAU RIED 1000 EIMERBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	This has a lot of freshness and spritz for a dry riesling with 14.5 per cent natural alcohol. Stacks of nectarine and mandarin aromas, as well as fresh-herb notes. The only thing it lacks is finesse. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

LAGLER RIESLING WACHAU RIED STEINBORZ SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Extremely attractive dry white with super juicy peaches and mandarin oranges in the nose and great balance between ripeness and freshness on the palate. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

LEINDL GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL SEEBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Cool and very fresh, yellow-grapefruit nose, then a generous but lively palate with crisp acidity for the vintage giving it good length. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

LETH GRÜNER VELTLINER WAGRAM BRUNNTHAL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Attractive, cool, lemony wine with more depth on the palate than the nose suggests. Considering the low-acidity vintage, there's good freshness on the long finish. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

LOIMER RIESLING KAMPTAL SEEBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	A rich and weighty wine with a hint of melted butter and plenty of candied oranges and dried herbs. This is both powerful and crisp with a very lemony finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

MACHHERNDL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU KOLLMÜTZ SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	I never before encountered a grüner veltliner with aromas of both caramel and licorice. Yet, here they are in this richly textured dry white! Then, a sudden wave of unexpected mineral freshness hits you at the finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	92	
Vintage 2017		

MACHHERNDL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KOLLMÜTZ FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	For a modest Federspiel, this has a lot of character and depth with smoke and flint notes that make it stand out from the pack. Serious drive and energy on the palate, the finish bristling with smoke and herbs. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

MALAT GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL GOTTSHELLE EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	I love the interplay of smoky and lemony character on the nose. Generous, elegant and lively with nice herbal and mineral complexity at the long finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

MARKUS HUBER GRÜNER VELTLINER TRAISENTAL TERRASSEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	This kind of crisp and uplifting grüner veltliner, with just 12 per cent alcohol, is rare in 2017. Lovely herb and summer-meadow character at the refreshing finish. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

MARKUS HUBER RIESLING TRAISENTAL TERRASSEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	Another beautiful dry riesling from this little-known region, this manages to be full of sliced-pear and ripe-lemon aromas, but also to have some structure. Clean finish with good minerality. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

MARKUS HUBER WEISSBURGUNDER NIEDERÖSTERREICH RIED HOCHSCHOPF 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	Rather closed on the the nose, but sleek, elegant and athletic on the palate with a very long, mineral finish. Better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

NEUMAYER GRÜNER VELTLINER TRAISENTAL ZWIRI 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	Tons of green pepper in the nose and a lot of power and freshness on the palate of this expressive and energetic grüner veltliner. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

NEUMAYER RIESLING NIEDERÖSTERREICH GRILLENBART HALBTROCKEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	Rather closed on the nose, this medium-bodied riesling has attractive pear and citrus character on the palate that opens up with aeration. The hint of sweetness helps to harmonize the considerable tannins and this unusual balance should give it a long life. Quite complex finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

NIKOLAIHOF MUSKATELLER WACHAU 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	A delicate and expressive muscat that's sleek and very dry, but has a lot of floral and pink-grapefruit charm. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

NIKOLAIHOF RIESLING WACHAU VOM STEIN FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	Although this is a young and aromatic (fresh quince!) dry riesling, the special winemaking style of Nikolaihof has given it striking, autumnal beauty. Generous, but the finish is delicate. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

NIKOLAIHOF WACHAU ELISABETH TRADITION 2015

Country Austria	Score	92	Plenty of cooked banana. A whole spice cabinet, too! Ample depth and structure, the long finish very dry but harmonious. Time to roast a chicken! From a field blend of local varieties planted more than 90 years ago. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2015			

PETRA UNGER GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL HINTERE POINT 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	A lively dry white, considering the 13.5 per cent alcohol, this has an attractive combination of summer-meadow and candied-lemon character with a hint of yeasty funk. Long, clean finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

PETRA UNGER GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL OBERFELD EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	The summer-meadow, citrus and green-bean character on the nose leads you into a rather concentrated if mellow grüner veltliner that has just enough acidity to remain clean at the finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

PFAFFL ZWEIFELT NIEDERÖSTERREICH BURG RESERVE 2016

Country Austria	Score	92	Ripe black cherries and a touch of smoky oak make the nose of this rich and well structured zweifelt. Good length and balance. Drink now or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

PRAGER RIESLING WACHAU STEINRIEGL FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	The cool aromas of lemons, pears and smoke make this stand out in the context of 2017 Wachau riesling. Very racy, sleek and vibrant for the vintage. Enormously refreshing finish with plenty of chalky minerals. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

PROIDL RIESLING KREMSTAL RIED RAMELN 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	The full apricot aroma and generous body of this dry riesling make a bold statement. However, there's easily enough freshness to counterpoint all the ripeness. Long finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

RAINER WESS RIESLING KREMSTAL KÖGL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	Attractive lemon-blossom and lemon-curd aromas. More peachy on the palate with an elegant balance of lively acidity and modest body for the generous vintage. Good depth. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

RAINER WESS RIESLING KREMSTAL PFAFFENBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	Very attractive peach and passion-fruit aromas. Then, there's a hint of caramel and a hint of sweetness on the rich but not opulent palate. Pineapple freshness at the finish. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

RUDI PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	Very attractive, full apple and green-pepper nose. Juicy, polished and very straight at the long, lively finish. A joy to drink right now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

RUDI PICHLER RIESLING WACHAU TERRASSEN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	A slew of white peaches and sliced pears here. Great crispness and vitality, combined with enough body to give very nice harmony, but not so much that it feels heavy. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

SALOMON UNDHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL VON STEIN 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	Ripe and generous with a touch of exotic fruit next to the cool, herbal notes. Generous body, but also plenty of freshness, the finish supple and polished. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

SALOMON UNDHOF RIESLING KREMSTAL STEIN A.D. DONAU 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	Stand back for the arrival of a stunningly fresh and elegant dry riesling with tons of citrus fruit and nectarines. Super bright and vibrant with a delicate and gentle finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

SCHMELZ GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU BEST OF SMARAGD 2016

Country Austria	Score	92	This maturing grüner veltliner has a very unusual floral nose, then a creamy but powerful and bone-dry palate. The herbal and cooked-lentil finish is long, but quite soft for this high-acidity vintage. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

SCHMELZ GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED STEINERTAL SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	Cool and earthy with some herbal and smoky notes, this is simultaneously bold and clean with some serious power at the long finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

SOHM & KRACHER GRÜNER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH LION 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	An elegant and polished grüner veltliner with subtle apple, pear and parsley aromas. Long, clean finish. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

STADT KREMS GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL STEIN 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	A beautifully made dry white from Austria's signature grape with mirabelles and a summer-meadow note. Ripe and supple with some tannins that push the finish along. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

STEININGER RIESLING KAMPTAL SEEBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	Fresh white-peach and wild-berry character. Sleek and racy with a lot of lemony freshness at the long, crisp finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

TOPF PINOT NOIR WAGRAM RIED STANGL HP 2016

Country Austria	Score	92	Although there's a touch of bitter chocolate on the nose from new oak, this powerful pinot noir balances beautifully on the palate, thanks to the abundant, fine-grained tannins. Long, moderately dry and quite minerally finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

TOPF RIESLING KAMPTAL WECHSELBERG SPIEGEL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	Ripe and peachy with generous body, but enough acidity to balance the extravagance. Long, quite elegant finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

WESZELI GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL KÄFERBERG EL 2016

Country Austria	Score	92	Anything but charming, this has plenty of dried-herb character and an impressive structure, packed into a rather sleek frame. Long, complex finish. Better from 2019.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

WESZELI RIESLING KAMPTAL HEILIGENSTEIN EL 2016

Country Austria	Score	92	Though the particular style isn't for everyone, this is still a very impressive wine. Sleek and spicy with firm, lemony acidity and a big mineral punch at the finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

WESZELI RIESLING KAMPTAL STEINMASSL EL 2016

Country Austria	Score	92	Another striking wine from this underrated site, this has a sinewy and wiry structure, married to lemony fruit to give racy balance that will either light your fire or leave you cold. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

WINZER KREMS RIESLING KREMSTAL KREMSER PFAFFENBERG RESERVE 2017

Country Austria	Score	92	Lovely peach and apricot bouquet, then a ripe and rather succulent palate with a long, clean finish. Impressive. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

ARNDORFER CHARDONNAY & NEUBURGER NIEDERÖSTERREICH DIE LEIDENSCHAFT 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	A full-bodied dry white with a lot of summer-meadow character, crisp acidity and plenty of candied orange peel at the long finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

ARNDORFER RIESLING NIEDERÖSTERREICH STRASSER WEINBERGE 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	This off-dry, natural wine rather successfully walks the line between being charming and showing dark, fruity and mature character. Long, clean citrus and mineral finish. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

BERNHARD OTT GRÜNER VELTLINER WAGRAM FASS 4 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Classic white-pepper and lemon-zest aromas make this an expressive grüner veltliner. Sleek and filigree body with a long, clean finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

BERNHARD OTT RIESLING WAGRAM FEUERSBRUNN 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	A lively dry riesling with as much mandarin and nectarine aromas as freshness. This is very appealing with a crisp, dry finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

BRANDL GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL KOGELBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Very cool, delicate and bright for a 2017 grüner veltliner. Long, sleek and mineral finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

BRÜNDLMAYER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL RIED BERG VOGELSANG 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	An elegant and minerally grüner veltliner, in spite of the moderate acidity. Positive green-bean and fresh-herb aromas. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

BRÜNDLMAYER RIESLING KAMPTAL HEILIGENSTEIN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Very cool, herbal nose for the warm vintage, then a sleek yet harmonious palate with excellent lemon and mineral freshness. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

BUCHEGGER GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL MOOSBURGERIN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Lots of green beans, snow peas and white pepper here, but unusually high acidity for the vintage, too. This makes it taste pretty sleek now, but you have to wonder slightly how that will shake down as the wine ages. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

BUCHEGGER GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL VORDERNBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	This is both cool and well structured for the vintage, but the tannins are quite dominant at the finish, pushing the white-fruit character aside. Trying slightly too hard? Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

COBENZL WEISSBURGUNDER WIEN GRINZING 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Quite a serious dry pinot blanc with some real substance. Summer-meadow aromas, supple acidity and quite a long, textural finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

DOLLE RIESLING KAMPTAL GAISBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Plenty of mirabelles and lemons here. The fullish body is well balanced by lively acidity. Only fair length, but very food-friendly. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

EBNER-EBENAUER WEISSBURGUNDER NIEDERÖSTERREICH ALTE REBEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Quite sleek and tannic for this generally supple grape, this is quite challenging. But there's a lot of yeasty and herbal character. Better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

EHN CHARDONNAY NIEDERÖSTERREICH 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Delicate citrus nose with lemon-blossom and vanilla notes. Given the 13.5 per cent alcohol, the palate is sleek with crisp acidity. A very well made example of Austrian-style chardonnay that's very food-flexible. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KREUTLES FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Both juicy and elegant with delicate snow-pea and herbal character, this is prototypical Wachau grüner veltliner. Quite a long, lively finish. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

EMMERICH KNOLL RIESLING WACHAU LOIBNER FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Delicate peaches and a lot of vivacity make this medium-bodied dry riesling very attractive and refreshing. Crisp and energizing finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

FORSTREITER GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL ALTE REBEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Plenty of grapefruit and pineapple on the nose. Then, a rich but lively palate with some tannins supporting the acidity through the long, pithy finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU NEUBURGER SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Slightly funky, but also rich and fleshy with plenty of almonds and dried pears. Generous if not very complex finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	91	
Vintage 2017		

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ROTES TOR FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Ripe yet lively, this is an elegant, mid-weight grüner veltliner with red-apple, sage and parsley notes. Very pure finish. Drink now.
Region Danube	91	
Vintage 2017		

FRITSCH PINOT NOIR WAGRAM RIED EXLBERG 2016

Country Austria	Score	A rather subtle and elegant pinot noir in which the fruity and earthy notes are well balanced. However, the tannin structure is quite firm, particularly at the clean finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	91	
Vintage 2016		

GEYERHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL GUTSRESERVE 2011

Country Austria	Score	A powerful and rich, now quite mature grüner veltliner with a cooked-lentil note that's not for everyone. No fruit character here, but a complex texture that extends through the finish. From organically grown grapes. Screw cap.
Region Danube	91	
Vintage 2011		

GEYERHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL WILD WUX 2017

Country Austria	Score	Quite a rich grüner veltliner with a mellow personality, but also plenty of summer-meadow character. Long, creamy finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	91	
Vintage 2017		

GROSS GRÜNER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH RIED IN DER SCHABLAU 2017

Country Austria	Score	A powerful and muscular grüner veltliner with a ton of yellow-grapefruit and star-fruit aromas. The bold and full body carries the generous tannins rather well. Long, dry finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	91	
Vintage 2017		

HAJSZAN-NEUMANN GRÜNER VELTLINER WIEN RIED HAARLOCKE 2017

Country Austria	Score	Complex cooked-pear, candied-orange and bergamot aromas gives this concentrated grüner veltliner a lot of personality. With a bit less tannin at the finish, the harmony on the generous body would earn it an even higher rating. Screw cap.
Region Danube	91	
Vintage 2017		

HERBERT ZILLINGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WEINVIERTEL RIED WEINTAL 2017

Country Austria	Score	In the world of winemaking, anything can be pushed too far. Here, we have a big, uncompromising grüner veltliner that, for a dry white, is super tannic with intense licorice and candied-citrus notes. Drink now and hold on tight! Screw cap.
Region Danube	91	
Vintage 2017		

HIEDLER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL LÖSS 2017

Country Austria	Score	Attractive, ripe and lively citrus character. Very nice vegetal freshness at the clean finish. A very flexible food wine. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	91	
Vintage 2017		

HIEDLER WEISSBURGUNDER KAMPTAL LANGENLOIS 2017

Country Austria	Score	Very attractive fresh nuts and lemon cream on the nose. Then, a medium-bodied, elegant palate, where lemony freshness dissolves into melted butter at the finish. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	91	
Vintage 2017		

HÖGL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU DÜRNSTEINER KAISERBERG SMARAGD G & G 2017

Country Austria	Score	Full-bodied, but the lush mangoes fill out this broad frame rather neatly. Not tremendously complex, but well balanced at the long, creamy finish. Drink now.
Region Danube	91	
Vintage 2017		

JOHANN DONABAUM RIESLING WACHAU RIED SPITZER POINT SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Packed with ripe pineapple, this is an opulent 2017 dry riesling that has just enough mineral acidity to keep it on track. But not enough to make it really exciting. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	91	
Vintage 2017		

KRACHER BURGENLAND BLEND 2 2014

Country Austria	Score	Plenty of cherry and blackberry aromas with a touch of allspice. Medium-bodied with moderately dry tannins that are now well integrated. A blend of zweigelt, merlot and cabernet sauvignon. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	91	
Vintage 2014		

KRACHER CHARDONNAY BURGENLAND KREUZ 2015

Country Austria	Score	Seriously oaky, but has the depth to carry this rather extreme style. Plenty of yellow grapefruit, as well as smoke. The finish is long and citrusy with a salty touch. From vines planted in the late 1980s in Illmitz. Better from 2019.
Region Danube	91	
Vintage 2015		

KRACHER PINOT GRIS BURGENLAND 2017

Country Austria	Score	At once silky and fresh, this is a substantial yet polished dry pinot gris with a ripe melon aroma. Very food-friendly. Drink not. Screw cap.
Region Danube	91	
Vintage 2017		

LAGLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED AXPOINT SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	A luscious grüner veltliner with plenty of papaya and some green-pepper character. Good concentration and plenty of freshness help this carry its own considerable weight. Slight warmth from alcohol at the finish. Drink now.
Region Danube	91	
Vintage 2017		

LAGLER SAUVIGNON BLANC WACHAU RIED HARTBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	A lively and crisp sauvignon blanc, filled out with a broad frame of aromas and flavors; there's not just green bell peppers and beans, but rather a whole range of green vegetables, as well as some melon. Good length, too. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

LEINDL RIESLING KAMPTAL HEILIGENSTEIN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Sleek, crisp and linear (virtues of the Heiligenstein site), there's plenty of racy drive, but it lacks the finesse for a higher rating. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

LETH GRÜNER VELTLINER WAGRAM RIED SCHAFFLERBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Lovely citrus aromas and a good balance of freshness and juiciness, underlined by just a hint of tannin, making this an immediately attractive grüner veltliner. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

LETH GRÜNER VELTLINER WAGRAM SCHEIBEN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Intense licorice character and considerable earthy power make a bold statement. Rather simple finish, though. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

LETH RIESLING WAGRAM BRUNNTHAL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Fresh and lemony with a ton of fruit and lively acidity, this is an attractive dry riesling that's easy to enjoy. Good balance at the long, clean finish. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

LOIMER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL LANGENOISER 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Plenty of green beans and some flint on the nose here. Rather bold, but very dry on the palate with a slightly austere, stony finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

MACHHERNDL STERREICH PULP FICTION 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	A beautiful, low-alcohol dry white with tart pear character. This shows its alter-ego only at the frankly tannic finish, which, even so, remains surprisingly harmonious. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

MALAT RIESLING KREMSTAL STEINBÜHEL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Brimming with apple and pear aromas, then both juicy and very crisp on the palate. This is a very attractive, sleek dry riesling with good length. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

MANTLERHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL WEITGASSE 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	An attractive, light grüner veltliner with a playful personality, good freshness and attractive snow-pea, blossom and white-pepper character. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

MANTLERHOF NEUBURGER NIEDERÖSTERREICH GEDESDFELD 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	This bold and rich dry white has a ton of mango aroma, plus great texture and balance on the palate, thanks to just enough acidity to carry the serious concentration and body. The bitterness at the finish is, however, a matter of taste. From organically grown grapes. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

MARKUS HUBER SAUVIGNON BLANC NIEDERÖSTERREICH 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Fresh melon aromas, without any hint of bell pepper or grass. Then, the cool and crisp palate makes this a charming sauvignon blanc. But there's good depth, too. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

NIKOLAIHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU IM WEINGEBIRGE FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Quite an austere, medium-bodied dry white, but there's plenty of dried-apple and white-pepper character and quite a long finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

PETRA UNGER GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL ZIESEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Plenty of candied orange peel, generous body and surprising textural complexity for only 12.5 per cent alcohol. Interesting and food-friendly grüner veltliner.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

PETRA UNGER PINOT NOIR NIEDERÖSTERREICH RIED GOTTSCELLE 2016

Country Austria	Score	91	A very charming and rather elegant pinot noir with a healthy tannin structure and lively acidity to balance the upfront cherries. Good length. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

PETRA UNGER RIESLING KREMSTAL GAISBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Rich and powerful with plenty of lemon curd character, this makes a bold statement. Slightly blunt, tannic finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

PETRA UNGER RIESLING KREMSTAL HINTERS KIRCHL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Slightly funky with plenty of lemon and orange-zest character, this is a bold and firm dry riesling with good concentration, but not much charm as yet. Better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

PFAFFL ST. LAURENT NIEDERÖSTERREICH ALTEN RESERVE 2016

Country Austria	Score	91	Quite a meaty red with plenty of cooked red-beet character, then a fleshy and crisp palate with some nice, soft tannins supporting the long finish. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

PROIDL RIESLING KREMSTAL SENFTENBERG STEILHEIT 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	The appealing peach, orange-peel and vanilla nose pulls you into this silky, mid-weight dry riesling that's so easy to enjoy and has great food-compatibility, thanks to moderate acidity. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

RAINER WESS GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL KREMS ALTE REBEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	A grüner veltliner fruit bomb, exploding with citrus notes, but without any hint of overripeness. Nice freshness at the very clean finish. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

RAINER WESS GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL KREMSER WEINZIERLBERG RESERVE 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Plenty of yellow fruit, bananas and a hint of flint. Full and rich, but with crisp acidity, this makes a bold statement. There is, however, already a hint of caramel at the finish. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

RAINER WESS GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Plenty of caramel and butter, as well as very ripe yellow fruit, make this a bold and rich dry grüner veltliner. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

SALOMON UNDHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL WACHTBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Rather closed, this sleek yet rather muscular grüner veltliner has a long but austere finish. Maybe better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

SALOMON UNDHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL WEIDEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	A seriously mineral and herbal grüner veltliner with a very satisfying combination of freshness and substance, the finish very clean but only moderately acidic. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

SALOMON UNDHOF RIESLING KREMSTAL VON DEN TERRASSEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Brimming with peaches and citrus fruit, this is an ideal introduction to dry riesling and an extremely food-friendly wine that is just waiting to jump into your glass, when you order some prawns or a seafood platter. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

SCHMELZ GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KLAUS FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Vivid green bell-pepper and green-peppercorn aromas, which, together with the crisp feel, make this a very appealing, medium-bodied grüner veltliner that will appeal to sauvignon blanc fans and is very food compatible. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

STADT KREMS RIESLING KREMS TAL STEINTERRASSEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	A polished and elegant wine that's the perfect introduction to Austrian dry riesling. Rather sleek and crisp with delicate peach and mineral character. Very food-friendly. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

STEININGER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL LAMM EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	A rather unspectacular wine, but with serious structure and minty freshness. Long and intense if slightly simple finish. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

STIFT GÖTTWEIG RIESLING KREMS TAL FURTH 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Very fresh and citrusy but also delicately spicy, this is an appealing dry riesling with some structure and moderate acidity at the finish. Drink now with lighter dishes. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

TEGERNSEHOF RIESLING WACHAU RIED KELLERBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Although this has a ton of ripe oranges and apricots in the nose and is really powerful, though with enough acidity to balance, the tannins render the finish slightly blunt. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

THIERY-WEBER RIESLING KREMS TAL GEBLING EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	Very attractive lemon-pie, lemon-curd and parsley nose. Quite powerful, but firm acidity keeps it fresh. Drink or hold.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

TOPF GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL UNFILTERED 2017

Country Austria	Score	91-92	Very creamy and buttery with good substance and an unconventional but satisfying harmony of full body, creamy yeast and discreet acidity.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

TÜRK GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMS TAL FRECHAU EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	91	A very bright and juicy wine for the warm vintage, this already has a ton of appeal, if not enormous complexity. A very flexible food wine. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

TÜRK RIESLING KREMS TAL WACHTBERG EL 2017

Country Austria
Region Danube
Vintage 2017

Score
91

Ripe and rather succulent but also clean and crisp, this neatly combines the two sides of the 2017 riesling vintage in Austria. If it were slightly less tart, this would rate higher. Good length. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

WINZER KREMS ZWEIFELT NIEDERÖSTERREICH EDITION CHERMISA 2016

Country Austria
Region Danube
Vintage 2016

Score
91-92

A serious red for Zweifelt in the Danube Valley, this has positive, spicy-oak aromas, full body and healthy, dry tannins that don't dominate the cherries at the long finish.

ZULL CHARDONNAY NIEDERÖSTERREICH RIED KALVARIENBERG 2017

Country Austria
Region Danube
Vintage 2017

Score
91-92

Plenty of smoky lees character, but also candied orange and mini bananas. Some real substance, well integrated oak and a long, clean finish.

ZULL ZWEIFELT NIEDERÖSTERREICH SCHRATTENTHAL 9 2016

Country Austria
Region Danube
Vintage 2016

Score
91

Full black cherries, good concentration and supple tannins make this lively zweifelt red very convincing. Where is that stone-oven pizza? The wine is named after Zull's village and his house number on the one-and-only street. Drink now. Screw cap.

ALLRAM GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL RENNER EL 2017

Country Austria
Region Danube
Vintage 2017

Score
90

A generous and creamy wine, but there's good acidity, too, and a rather delicate white-fruit character. Tannin presence at the finish. Drink or hold.

ARNDORFER ROTER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH DIE LEIDENSCHAFT 2017

Country Austria
Region Danube
Vintage 2017

Score
90

Already rather developed for 2017, this has some bruised-apple character, as well as apricots. However, it also has an interesting combination of richness and delicacy, dryness and minerality on the palate. Drink or hold.

BRANDL RIESLING KAMPTAL HEILIGENSTEIN EL 2017

Country Austria
Region Danube
Vintage 2017

Score
90

Lots of citrusy freshness, the palate crisp and very lively. Good length, but not that much complexity. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

BRÜNDLMAYER GRAUBURGUNDER WEISSBURGUNDER KAMPTAL RIED SPIEGEL 2016

Country Austria
Region Danube
Vintage 2016

Score
90

Quite smoky and yeasty, this blend of pinot gris and pinot blanc has some real elegance for these grape varieties. Some sweet vegetal notes at the clean finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Screw cap.

BRÜNDLMAYER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL TERRASSEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	The discreet green-plum aroma, together with a satisfying balance of medium-body with animating acidity and a slightly salty finish, make this an appealing and food-friendly grüner veltliner. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

BRÜNDLMAYER RIESLING KAMPTAL TERRASSEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	Delicate peach and nectarine aromas, plus some positive, yeasty character. Medium-bodied with lively acidity, but no rough edges at the long, clean finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

CHRIST WEISSBURGUNDER WIEN DER VOLLMONDWEIN 2017

Country Austria	Score	Fresh yet delicate and supple, this isn't terribly concentrated, but it's gentle on the front palate. The discreet firmness on the finish should be really appealing to pinot grigio drinkers. Drink now.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

CHRIST ZWEIGELT WIEN MEPHISTO 2016

Country Austria	Score	Generous elderberries with touches of smoke and earth, make this a rather striking, zweigelt red that has more than the norm to offer. Rather supple finish, in spite of some oak. Drink now.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2016		

EBNER-EBENAUER CHARDONNAY NIEDERÖSTERREICH 2017

Country Austria	Score	The ripe-apple aroma of this very clean and straight, medium-bodied chardonnay leaps out of the glass at you. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

EBNER-EBENAUER RIESLING NIEDERÖSTERREICH ALTE REBEN HALBTROCKEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	Although this is unquestionably a good, medium-dry riesling with food-friendly harmony, it already has a hint of mature, toasty character on the nose and the finish is a bit tannic. Nice, lemony acidity and mineral freshness. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

EHN GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL RIED NEUBERG RESERVE 2017

Country Austria	Score	Full of green pears with lively acidity, this is an easy-drinking grüner veltliner, in spite of 13.5 per cent alcohol. But lacks complexity. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

EMMERICH KNOLL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU LOIBNER FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	A fresh and lively grüner veltliner with a lot of charm and plenty of green and yellow apple aromas, plus a hint of white pepper. Drink now.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

F. X. PICHLER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU LOIBNER FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Fresh and energetic with plenty of apple, sage and some white-pepper character. Very straight and clean finish.
Region Danube	90	Drink now. Screw cap.
Vintage 2017		

FRANZ HIRTZBERGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU SPITZ STEINFEDER 2017

Country Austria	Score	A fresh and feather-light grüner veltliner with yellow and green-apple aromas. Very easy to enjoy. Clean and polished finish. Drink now.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

GEYERHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL GAISBERG EL 2016

Country Austria	Score	Open and fleshy with nice yellow-apple and ripe-lemon aromas, this is a very harmonious wine with good length. Rather simple character, though. From organically grown grapes. Drink now with food. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2016		

GEYERHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL STEINLEITHN EL 1988

Country Austria	Score	A fully mature wine with a lot of dried citrus-peel character and some honeycomb. At once crisp and mellow, this is one for fans of fully mature dry whites and for wiener schnitzel! Drink now.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 1988		

GROSS GRÜNER VELTLINER WEINVIERTEL BRAITENPUECHTORFF 2017

Country Austria	Score	Rather complex white and green-pepper character with a hint of candied orange peel. This has very attractive balance with well integrated acidity and a bright, herbal finish. Drink now.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

HEBERT ZILLINGER SAUVIGNON BLANC NIEDERÖSTERREICH LAGENSELEKTION 2017

Country Austria	Score	With its grapefruit and vanilla aromas, moderately full body and lively acidity, this sauvignon blanc has a lot of appeal. But the finish is slightly chewy. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

HERBERT ZILLINGER GRÜNER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH HORIZONT 2017

Country Austria	Score	In terms of aroma, this is a rather conventional grüner veltliner with citrus and white-pepper aromas. On the palate, however, the pronounced tannins make this medium-bodied dry white anything but conventional. Drink now with hearty food. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

HIEDLER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL KITTMANNSBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Lots of minty freshness on this ripe and juicy but well proportioned grüner veltliner. Good depth, but not that striking or original. Drink now.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

HIEDLER RIESLING KAMPTAL LANGENLOIS 2017

Country Austria	Score	Full citrus aromas with a touch of herbs. Medium body and crisp acidity. This a very refreshing dry riesling that is rather easy to understand. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

HIRSCH GRÜNER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH HIRSCHVERGNÜGEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	A very lively grüner veltliner with nice spritz, plus enough pear and green-pepper character to satisfy. Refreshing and very clean at the finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

HÖGL RIESLING WACHAU VISION SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	An opulent dry riesling that has just enough structure and acidity to balance the massive apricot and kumquat aromas and high alcoholic content. Drink now.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

HOLZAPFEL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED ACHLEITEN FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	A cool and delicate Wachau grüner veltliner with fine white-peach and mirabelle aromas. Sleek but with some tannic power, this is currently quite a challenging wine with a firm finish. Better from 2019.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

JÄGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED KLAUS FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Attractive fresh-herb character, as well as a nice lightness of touch and freshness of acidity that are all rare in this vintage. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

JÄGER RIESLING WACHAU RIED ACHLEITEN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Appealing, open aromas of yellow and pink grapefruit. This has good depth, but the finish lacks the clarity and drive of the best dry rieslings from the Wachau in 2017. Drink now.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

JOHANN DONABAUM RIESLING WACHAU RIED SETZBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Medium-bodied and well balanced, this is a very pleasant dry riesling with peach and mirabelle notes. But it lacks the expressiveness of the top 2017 riesling Smaragd from the Wachau. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

KRACHER MUSKAT OTTONEL BURGENLAND 2017

Country Austria	Score	A rather subtle dry muscat that has some structure, in spite of the moderate acidity. Nice length. Drink now with hearty food.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

KRACHER STERREICH SEKT BRUT ROSÉ

Country Austria	Score	90	A very unusual rosé with plenty of raspberry and candied citrus aromas and moderate alcohol. Quite a rich texture, though, and a dry yet delicately honeyed finish. A cuvée of chardonnay, pinot blanc and zweigelt with a touch of mature TBA as dosage.
Region Danube			
Vintage No Vintage			

KRACHER ZWEIGELT BURGENLAND 2015

Country Austria	Score	90	Attractive ripe-cherry character and just a hint of oak on the nose. Then, plenty of juicy fruit, neatly married to a touch of tannin on the palate, followed by a positive hint of bitterness at the finish. Good length. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2015			

LAURENZ V. GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL CHARMING 2016

Country Austria	Score	90	Medium-bodied dry white with enough generous, citrusy character, structure and balance, to make a very flexible food wine, even for more substantial dishes. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

LAURENZ V. GRÜNER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH FORBIDDEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	90	This rare, off-dry grüner veltliner has so much juicy mirabelle character and vibrant lemony acidity to balance neatly the touch of sweetness. The almost dry finish means this should be good with smoked fish and ham. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

LAURENZ V. GRÜNER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH SINGING 2016

Country Austria	Score	90	Dried pears and mangos on the nose follow through to a medium body, bright acidity and a nice balance of fruit and dried biscuits. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

LAURENZ V. GRÜNER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH SINGING 2017

Country Austria	Score	90	The fresh green-apple and plum character, together with the medium to light body and lively acidity, make this a refreshing grüner veltliner that will give plenty of pleasure with salad and many moderately spicy dishes. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

LETH GRÜNER VELTLINER WAGRAM RIES STEINAGRUND 2017

Country Austria	Score	90	Rather funky nose that doesn't blow off quickly. But then, there's generous lime marmalade and toast character and enough acidity to keep the finish attractively crisp. Better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

LETH PINOT NOIR NIEDERÖSTERREICH RESERVE 2016

Country Austria	Score	90	Pretty cherry nose with white anise. Light body, lively acidity and some oak. This is an easy drinking pinot noir. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

LOIMER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL DAC (GREEN LABEL) 2017

Country Austria	Score	Lots of fresh-herb and pepper aromas make this sleek and vibrant grüner veltliner very attractive. A touch of caramel in the finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

LOIMER RIESLING KAMPTAL DAC 2017

Country Austria	Score	Plenty of peach and papaya here. But this is a seriously dry wine with quite a radical, citrusy finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

MACHHERNDL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU SEELENKRÄUTEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	The hint of funk seems to intensify the orange-peel and herbal aromas, rather than smothering them. Quite an eccentric interpretation of the Wachau that you need a sense of irony to appreciate fully. But, let's face it, in the natural-wine scene, much wilder things are on offer. Good length, though. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

NIKOLAIHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU HEFEABZUG 2017

Country Austria	Score	Very attractive summer-meadow nose . Light and crisp with just a touch of tannin supporting the finish. Where are the oysters? From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

NIKOLAIHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU ZWICKL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Quite yeasty and slightly funky, this has an unusual balance of creaminess from the yeast in the bottle and crisp, lemony acidity. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Bottled unfiltered. Drink now with onion tart or soup. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

NIKOLAIHOF NEUBURGER WACHAU 2017

Country Austria	Score	A dry white that smells of cocoa powder and roasted nuts? Yes, if it has the gentle texture and mellow personality of this wine. Works really well. Good length, in spite of the moderate acidity. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

PETRA UNGER RIESLING KREMTAL STEIN-TERRASSEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	Plenty of bright peach and orange aromas and lively acidity, neatly paired to a medium body and a slight spritz, making this an attractive dry riesling with good food-compatibility. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

PRAGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU HINTER DER BURG FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Delicate apple, sliced-pear, lemon-zest and white-pepper aromas. Medium body with some tannins supporting the bright fruit. Lively and refreshing acidity for the hot and dry vintage. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

PROIDL GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL RIED HAUSBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	90	Maybe this isn't tremendously complex, but it has a very attractive spring-meadow and white-pepper character, combined with excellent balance of lively acidity and medium body. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

PROIDL GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL SENFTENBERG FREIHEIT 2017

Country Austria	Score	90	Light and crisp with white fruit aromas and hints of herbs. This is an appealing grüner veltliner that's easy to understand and food-friendly. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

RAINER WESS GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL KREMS DAC 2017

Country Austria	Score	90	Generous and fresh with plenty of green beans and a crisp finish. This is an easy grüner veltliner to enjoy. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

RAINER WESS RIESLING KREMSTAL KREMS DAC 2017

Country Austria	Score	90	A smoky and creamy, mid-weight dry riesling with fair depth and suppleness at the finish that makes it food-friendly. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

RAINER WESS RIESLING WACHAU RIED LOIBENBERG HALBTROCKEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	90	A rather lush riesling that's neither dry nor properly sweet. Yet, there's plenty of spice on the nose and a rich texture on the palate. Quite generous finish. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

SALOMON UNDHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL FRANCISCUS 2017

Country Austria	Score	90	An attractive, medium-bodied grüner veltliner. Plenty of sweet vegetal character with some green peppers. Juicy finish, but properly dry. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL LANGENLOIS 2017

Country Austria	Score	90	Lots of candied citrus and lemon cream, then a nice combination of restrained richness and soft acidity, make this easy to enjoy. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

SCHMID GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL FRECHAU EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	90	Lots of green beans and some pepper on this fleshy and rather creamy grüner veltliner. Good length, but slightly obvious. From organically grown grapes. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

STADT KREMS GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL RIED WEINZIERLBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	A bright, medium-bodied grüner veltliner with good apple and herbal freshness, the tannins supporting the dry finish. Drink now.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

STEININGER RIESLING KAMPTAL KOGELBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Lots of apples and lemons here. Crisp yet fruity, this is a very lively dry riesling that gives plenty of pleasure now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

STIFT GÖTTWEIG GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL FURTH 2017

Country Austria	Score	This smells like old-fashioned apple varieties with a nutty character, plus a hint of green beans. Mid-weight, fresh and lively, the finish quite soft. Drink now with light summer food.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

TEGERNSEEHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED HÖHERECK SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Thankfully, this rather opulent grüner veltliner has a lot of freshness, alongside the exotic fruit character. Big, bold finish with a touch of warmth from alcohol. Drink now.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

TOPF GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL RIED WECHSELBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	Plenty of green beans, but also some ripe mirabelles. A generous and rather supple wine that slides gently downhill at the soft finish. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

TOPF SAUVIGNON BLANC NIEDERÖSTERREICH RIED HASEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	An unusual sauvignon with aromas of roasted yellow bell peppers and butterscotch. Rich and creamy, even slightly oily on the full palate. Then, just enough acidity to carry all the richness. Drink now.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

WESZELI GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL SCHENKENBICHL EL 2016

Country Austria	Score	Tons of candied orange and spice here, but the wine feels a bit large and is already rather developed. Long, firm finish with some complexity. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2016		

ZULL GRÜNER VELTLINER WEINVIERTEL DAC 2017

Country Austria	Score	A very attractive, lemony grüner veltliner that's juicy and fresh, the lively acidity making this more refreshing than most 2017 wines of this category. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	90	
Vintage 2017		

ZULL ZWEIGELT NIEDERÖSTERREICH 2016

Country Austria	Score	90	This very typical zweigelt red has an attractive black-cherry nose, then a nice balance of moderate tannins with a warm and round body, plus enough acidity to keep it fresh. Rather long, dry finish. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

ALLRAM RIESLING KAMPTAL GAISBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	89	Cool, white-peach nose. Then, on the palate, the tannins and a hint of caramel are rather obvious. Moderately crisp finish. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

ARNDORFER ZWEIGELT NIEDERÖSTERREICH DIE LEIDENSCHAFT 2016

Country Austria	Score	89	Very ripe black cherries and a touch of earth make this powerful, but quite developed zweigelt rather impressive. With more interesting tannins this would have rated even higher. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

CHRIST RIESLING WIEN RIED WIESTAHLN 2017

Country Austria	Score	89	Quite mature for a 2017 single-vineyard riesling, this has attractive stone-fruit character, but the tannins at the finish are a bit challenging. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

CHRIST WIEN XXI 2016

Country Austria	Score	89	This medium-bodied red is very chocolatey, but there's a slight disconnect between this aspect of the wine and the rather crisp acidity that dominates the finish. Some alcohol showing, too. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

DOLLE GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMTAL GAISBERG EL ALTE REBEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	89	I prefer the regular grüner veltliner bottling from this site. The sensation here is that the grapes tipped into overripeness before they were picked. Lacks personality. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

DOMÄNE WACHAU RIESLING WACHAU RIED BRÜCK FEDERSPIEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	89	At first, this has a peanut-butter note. But, with aeration, that fades and citrus notes emerge. Some tannin fills out the quite sleek palate. Rather tart and slightly angular at the finish. Better from 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

EHN SAUVIGNON BLANC NIEDERÖSTERREICH 2017

Country Austria	Score	89	With tons of gooseberries, plus plenty of grass and green bell pepper, this is one for fans of green sauvignon blanc. The finish is only moderately crisp though. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

FORSTREITER ZWEIGELT NIEDERÖSTERREICH ZVY-GELT 2016

Country Austria	Score	Plenty of redcurrants and cherries. Then, the same kind of juicy fruit, lively acidity and light tannins that make Beaujolais one of the great picnic wines. Slightly rustic finish. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2016		

FRITSCH GRÜNER VELTLINER WAGRAM RIED STEINBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	Both fresh and round, this is an easy grüner veltliner to enjoy right now. However, the hint of caramel at the soft finish lets it down slightly. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink now. Screw cap closure.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

FRITSCH PINOT NOIR NIEDERÖSTERREICH 2016

Country Austria	Score	The fully ripe plum and black-cherry aromas fill out this rich and generous pinot noir nicely, but there isn't quite enough tannin to give this the backbone and definition it requires to receive a higher rating. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink now.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2016		

GROSS GEMISCHTER SATZ NIEDERÖSTERREICH BRAITENPUECHTORFF 2017

Country Austria	Score	Plenty of attractive candied-citrus character, but the generous tannins, married to the medium body, make this quite challenging. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

GROSS GRÜNER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH RIED PANKRAZ RESERVE 2017

Country Austria	Score	Tons of peach aroma. Concentration and freshness make this a dramatic wine, but the tannins are a bit dominant at the finish. Hard to say if time will help, so drink now.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

GROSS GRÜNER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH RIED SAUBERG TRADITION 2017

Country Austria	Score	Lots of stone fruit and some green plum on the nose. Then, a generous and rather concentrated palate, but the power at the finish is allied to a stack of tannins that become rather dominant. Drink now with hearty food, or hope that it gains in harmony with age. Drink or hold.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

HERBERT ZILLINGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WEINVIERTEL RADIKAL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Impressive textural richness and some tannins, but it feels rather heavy and, for a 2017, has an touch of autumnal ripeness that could quickly become morbid. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

HÖGL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED 1000 EIMERBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	A bold and lush grüner veltliner that has barely enough papaya and sliced sushi-ginger character to carry the heavy load of alcohol. Drink now.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

JÄGER GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED ACHLEITEN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	At the front of the palate, this is high-end, silky and seductive grüner veltliner. At the finish, however, the alcohol pulls it down a bit. Drink now.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

JOHANN DONABAUM GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU LIMITIERTE EDITION SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	This monumental grüner veltliner has exotic fruit-coulis character. That would be great if it had more freshness. However, the modest acidity and opulent personality of the wine makes it come off as heavy and broad. Less would have been more! Drink now.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

JOHANN DONABAUM RIESLING WACHAU RIED OFFENBERG SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	Plenty of ripe peaches, this isn't too big for the very ripe 2017 vintage. Clean on the palate, thanks to healthy acidity. However, this somehow doesn't add up to the kind of spectacular balance this producer achieved in many previous vintages. What happened? Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

JURTSCHITSCH GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL SCHENKENBICHL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Quite a lot of caramel here, although the wine really isn't that rich. The harmony is good, but, in the end, the soft and fresh sides of the wine are slightly disjointed. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

LOIMER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL KÄFERBERG EL 2016

Country Austria	Score	Plenty of depth and structure. But where is the fruit? This just sits on the palate, without moving. Rather tannic finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink now.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2016		

LOIMER RIESLING KAMPTAL HEILIGENSTEIN EL 2016

Country Austria	Score	Peaches, as well as cooked apples and pears. The palate is substantial yet quite tart. Difficult to say if this will gain with additional aging, so drink now. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2016		

LOIMER RIESLING KAMPTAL LOISERBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	Full cassis and warm, dry-earth aromas here. Rather tart on the palate with some apple-core character. With better harmony this would have rated higher. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Screw cap.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

NIKOLAIHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU IM WEINGEBIRGE FEDERSPIEL 2010

Country Austria	Score	Seven years in large barrels have made this quite oaky and rather tart; these are the two things that make for quite a challenging balance. Needs hearty food to show its best. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Screw cap.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2010		

SALOMON UNDHOF GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL HOCHTERRASSEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	A very fresh and clean grüner veltliner with plenty of white pepper and herbs. The finish is refreshing but slightly tart. Drink now on a warm day. Screw cap.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

SCHMID RIESLING KREMSTAL SUNOGELN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Rather ripe and rich with some pineapple character. This is a tad on the heavy side and that holds it back. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

STEININGER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL KITTMANNBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Cool, minty nose. Juicy but rather simple on the full-bodied palate. Crisp acidity at the finish, but not much depth. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

STEININGER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL KOSELBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Pronounced wild-berry character on the nose, then a sleek and lithe palate. This lacks some depth. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

THIERY-WEBER GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL GEBLING EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Plenty of substance and a nice, not too creamy texture on the palate. But this is dull on the nose and not very lively at the finish. Drink now.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

TOPF GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL OFFENBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Creamy and supple with good depth, but rather anonymous and the contours are a bit fuzzy. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

TOPF GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL GAISBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	A ripe but juicy wine with lots of white peach. The supple acidity is OK on the front palate. At the finish, however, it can't quite keep the alcohol in check. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

TOPF RIESLING KAMPTAL HEILIGENSTEIN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Powerful and weighty for a Heiligenstein riesling, but with the strict, citrusy acidity that comes with this famous site. This is quite a challenging wine. Drink or hold. Screw cap.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

ZULL GRÜNER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH LUST & LAUNE 2017

Country Austria	Score	Light and refreshing with plenty of apples and some white and green pepper. Clean and crisp. Drink now with lighter dishes and fresh vegetables. Screw cap.
Region Danube	89	
Vintage 2017		

ALLRAM GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMTAL GAISBERG EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Some cucumber and plenty of white fruit here. This wine has nice balance, but is low on structure and falls away at the soft finish. Drink now.
Region Danube	88	
Vintage 2017		

ARNDORFER GRÜNER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH STRASSER WEINBERGE 2017

Country Austria	Score	A semi-orange wine and it's got decent harmony and depth and some interesting textural qualities. If you want it to look and taste really orange, wait until 2019. Screw cap.
Region Danube	88	
Vintage 2017		

BUCHEGGER RIESLING KREMTAL MOOSBURGERIN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Lots of ripe apples, medium body and a fresh acidity, but the finish is both slightly tart and tannic. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	88	
Vintage 2017		

CHRIST GRÜNER VELTLINER WIEN BRUCH 2017

Country Austria	Score	Slight astringency on the palate mars the enjoyment of this lively, medium-bodied dry white that has a lot of apple and spring-meadow character. Screw cap.
Region Danube	88	
Vintage 2017		

CHRIST SAUVIGNON BLANC WIEN RIED BREITEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	This quite developed, citrusy sauvignon is easy to drink and food-flexible with nice harmony at the moderately crisp finish. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	88	
Vintage 2017		

EBNER-EBENAUER GRÜNER VELTLINER WEINVIERTEL HERMANSCHACHERN 2017

Country Austria	Score	This starts very cool and minty, but then, on the mid-palate, you feel some tannins that cling to the tongue and then disrupt the harmony at the finish. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	88	
Vintage 2017		

FORSTREITER GRÜNER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH GROONER 2017

Country Austria	Score	Green apples and green beans, plus juicy fruit and a clean finish, make this easy to enjoy. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	88	
Vintage 2017		

FORSTREITER RIESLING KREMSTAL SCHOTTER 2017

Country Austria	Score	With a hint of sweetness and a rather broad body, this is a slightly rustic Austrian dry white, but there's plenty of substance and fair length. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	88	
Vintage 2017		

FRITSCH ROTER VELTLINER WAGRAM UNFILTERED 2017

Country Austria	Score	If you ever wondered what a yeasty white wine tasted like, then try this rather funky, unfiltered Austrian white. Medium-bodied with nice, crisp acidity at the finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink now.
Region Danube	88	
Vintage 2017		

HAJSZAN-NEUMANN GEMISCHTER SATZ WIEN NATURAL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Cloudy from bottling without filtration, this is quite funky, tart and slightly astringent. If you have the natural wine vibe, though, this could ring your bell. Long if challenging finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink now.
Region Danube	88	
Vintage 2017		

HERMANN MOSER RIESLING KREMSTAL GEBLING EL KELLERTERRASSEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	Ripe and generous, this has slight oiliness and the acidity is just enough to balance and there is alcohol at the dry, slightly chewy finish.
Region Danube	88	
Vintage 2017		

LAURENZ V. GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL FRIENDLY 2016

Country Austria	Score	Quite a full-bodied, slightly earthy dry white that has some interesting vegetal character, but also a touch of tannin that is quite obvious at the finish. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	88	
Vintage 2016		

LETH RIESLING WAGRAM RIED SCHILLINGSBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	This has attractive citrus and peachy notes, but on the palate there's an odd phenolic quality and the pronounced acidity doesn't make the wine feel refreshing. Drink now.
Region Danube	88	
Vintage 2017		

LETH ZWEIGELT WAGRAM GIGAMA GRAND RESERVE 2016

Country Austria	Score	Black-licorice and charcoal aromas on the nose. Seriously tannic and oaky, this lacks harmony and any real appeal. Less would have been more. Drink now if this is the way you roll. Screw cap.
Region Danube	88	
Vintage 2016		

LOIMER GRÜNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL RIED LOISERBERG 2017

Country Austria	Score	Full butter and caramel notes (from malolactic fermentation) that rather smother the fruit and herbal character. Creamy finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	88	
Vintage 2017		

SEPP MOSER GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL GEBLING EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	88	A hint of funk, but also attractive sliced pears and citrus fruit on the nose. Then, plenty of lively fruit on the front palate. However, a buttery note from malolactic fermentation mars the finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

TOPF WEISSBURGUNDER NIEDERÖSTERREICH RIED HASEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	88-89	Quite an extreme nose in which balsamic vinegar and butterscotch are married to dried pears and apple rings. Lots of oak here, the tannins also rather dominant at the finish.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

ANRDORFER GRÜNER VELTLINER NIEDERÖSTERREICH DIE LEIDENSCHAFT 2017

Country Austria	Score	87-88	A natural wine with an off-the-scale butter-caramel note on the nose, then plenty of oxidized-pear character on the palate, but a dry and clean finish.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

FRITSCH ZWEIFELT & CABERNET SAUVIGNON WAGRAM RIED FOGGATHAL NO. 22 2016

Country Austria	Score	87	Red berries and some roasted red bell pepper on the nose, but on the palate there's a slight disconnect between the pronounced acidity and the fullish body. From biodynamically grown grapes. Respekt certified. Drink now with pizza.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2016			

HOLZAPFEL GRÜNER VELTLINER WACHAU RIED ACHLEITEN SMARAGD 2017

Country Austria	Score	87	A very lively grüner veltliner with plenty of wild-herb character and fresh, lemony acidity. On the palate, however, the 15 per cent alcohol is already the dominant component. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

LETH GRÜNER VELTLINER WAGRAM KLASSIK 2017

Country Austria	Score	87	Light and crisp with plenty of apple freshness and a rather tart finish. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

MALAT RIESLING KREMSTAL SILBERBICHL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	87	Slightly sweaty nose, then rather tart and lemony on the palate. Lacks some charm, not least because of the steely finish. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

SEPP MOSER GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL SCHNABEL EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	87	Lots of buttercream character, but this remains rather cool, the finish long and quite clean. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Drink now.
Region Danube			
Vintage 2017			

SEPP MOSER RIESLING KREMSTAL GEBLING EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	The strong butter aroma from malolactic doesn't fit well with the lemon and herbal character. Slightly disjointed on the rather supple, medium-to full-bodied palate. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Drink now.
Region Danube	87	
Vintage 2017		

TOPF CHARDONNAY NIEDERÖSTERREICH RIED HASEL 2017

Country Austria	Score	The full toffee and butterscotch aromas and generous body don't quite fit the tart acidity on the palate.
Region Danube	87-88	
Vintage 2017		

FORSTREITER GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL RIED KREMSER KOGL 2017

Country Austria	Score	Intense green-apple character with very citrusy and rather aggressive acidity on the mid-weight palate. Drink now on a hot day.
Region Danube	86	
Vintage 2017		

GEYERHOF RIESLING NIEDERÖSTERREICH RIED SPRINZENBERG HALBTROCKEN 2017

Country Austria	Score	The funky and buttery notes blunt the fruit aromas of this wine. It also lacks the vivacity, purity and minerality of earlier vintages of this wine. Thankfully, it still has decent balance and, if you're patient, you can find some riesling character in there. Drink now.
Region Danube	86	
Vintage 2017		

HERMANN MOSER GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL GEBLING EL DER LÖSS 2017

Country Austria	Score	In the context of ambitious Erste Lage, this is a bit simple. But there's plenty of attractive citrus character and quite good balance of fruit and alcohol. The acidity is just adequate to keep it on the fresh side. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	86	
Vintage 2017		

SEPP MOSER GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL BREITER RAIN EL 2017

Country Austria	Score	A full butterscotch aroma from malolactic fermentation dominates the nose. It's quite broad and a little heavy and the finish is slightly alcoholic. Made from biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certified. Drink now.
Region Danube	86	
Vintage 2017		

COBENZL GRÜNER VELTLINER WIEN RIED PFEFFER 2017

Country Austria	Score	The one-sided butter and caramel aromas don't make this broad and soft grüner veltliner any more attractive. Drink now, if this is your thing. Screw cap.
Region Danube	84	
Vintage 2017		

HERMANN MOSER GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL GEBLING EL HANNAH 2017

Country Austria	Score	Another 2017 Erste Lage grüner veltliner that has good depth, but suffers from overripeness (marzipan note) and obvious, unfermented sweetness. Drink now. Screw cap.
Region Danube	84	
Vintage 2017		

RAINER WESS GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL PFAFFENBERG EL 2017

Country Austria

Region Danube

Vintage 2017

Score

84

Plenty of caramel and butter here, plus very ripe and overripe apricots and mirabelles. A bit heavy and blunt. Disappointing. Drink now.

HERMANN MOSER GRÜNER VELTLINER KREMSTAL GEBLING EL FORTISSIMO 2017

Country Austria

Region Danube

Vintage 2017

Score

78

Slightly oxidative on the nose with a whiff of nail varnish remover. Dominated by tannins on the palate. Disappointing.
