



Variety: 70% Blauer Zweigelt; 30% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard(s) / Appellation: Hundsleiten, In Neubergen (Zweigelt); Terrassen Sonnleiten (Cabernet Sauvignon)/ Qualitätswein

Soil / aspect / slope: **Hundsleiten:** Heavy clay with a rock underneath / Slope to the South-west; **In Neubergen:** sandy, stony, loamy soil
Terrassen Sonnleiten: karger, sandig-felsiger Boden Very poor, sandy soil with many stones and rocks / Terraces that are protected from winds by a wall at the north, like a French clos

Age of vines: 8-31 years (Blauer Zweigelt); 13 years (Cabernet Sauvignon); **Vines per hectare:** 4.000;

Training form: trellis training system at about 60-90 cm

Cutting: Guyot

Vineyard Notes: The rows of vines have open soils, between the rows, there is green cover. We work our vineyards in a very natural way. We try to support beneficial insects and to use pesticides (against mildew) only when needed, we have weather stations in the vineyards, that inform us per PC about the actual conditions. Also our stocks of roses at the beginning of the rows of vines do warn us.

Harvest Date: By the end of October at a must weight of 19°KMW, picked by hand with a small, well-trained team which selects the grapes directly in the vineyard.

Wine Maker: Roman Pfaffl

Vinification: Fermented in stainless steel with floating for 20 days with automatic temperature-control at 28°C; Malolactic carried out; Stored 15 months in oak, 50% new; ((Manhartsberger, Allier, Steirische Eiche) Bottled in our cellar, in Bordeaux-wine-bottles.

Analysis: Alcohol: 13 vol%; Acidity: 4,9 g/l; Residual Sugar: 1,7 g/l

Winemakers notes: Dark ruby colour, dense and dark in character with substantial texture. The Cabernet adds weight and the wine is already very well balanced despite its youth. Tannins frame the cherry fruit and give it a long presence. Potential. After some bottle ageing ideal for steak, dark game, or just on its own.

Number of cases produced: 700 cases

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