

Austria's Best Sommelier 2023 Study Guide

Study Topics (outlined in Wine Guide)

- History of Viticulture in Austria
- The Primary Climate Zones
- Sustainability in Austria's Wine Sector
- Changes in the World Wine Market
- The Structure of the Austrian Wine Sector
- Positioning of Wine from Austria
- Identity
- Strategy for Origin Marketing
- The Austrian Wine Law
- Specified Winegrowing Regions in Niederösterreich (Lower Austria)
 - Wachau DAC
 - Kremstal DAC
 - Kamptal DAC
 - Traisental DAC
 - Wagram DAC
 - Weinviertel DAC
 - Carnuntum DAC
 - Thermenregion DAC
- Specified Winegrowing Regions in Burgenland
 - Neusiedlersee DAC
 - Leithaberg DAC
 - Ruster Ausbruch DAC
 - Rosalia DAC
 - Mittelburgenland DAC
 - Eisenberg DAC
- Winegrowing Regions in Steiermark (Styria)
 - Vulkanland Steiermark DAC
 - Südsteiermark DAC
 - Weststeiermark DAC
- Specified Winegrowing Region Wien (Vienna)
 - Wiener Gemischter Satz DAC
- Winegrowing Area Bergland
- Rieden (please know specific Ried per each region along with their grape varieties)
- All Grape Varieties and their Significance
 - White Wine
 - Red Wine
- Sekt Law
- Vintages
- The Structure of Wine Lists
- Austrian Wine & Food Pairing
- Orange and Natural Wine
- Wine Tourism
- Wine Education
- Wine in Society

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Note: Please be sure to know at least 3 producers from each winegrowing area as well as unclassified producers (i.e. natural wine) with the exception of Bergland

Suggested wines to taste:

Sekt (and practice opening)
Grüner Veltliner
Riesling
Sauvignon Blanc
Weissburgunder
Gemischter Satz
Zweigelt
Blaufrankisch
St Laurent

Note: please be sure to know at least three producers making each of these wines.

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WHITE WINES			
Appearance	Nose	Palate	Primary Conclusion
Clarity: Clear Med Clear Dull Hazy Opaque	Clean/ Dirty Brett / Oxiation / TCH / Maderized Winemaking Techniques	Clean / Dirty Intensity	Age Range
Red Wine White Wine	Intensity (Concentration) Low Med- Medium Med+ High	Primary Fruits: Citrus / Orchard Fruit / Stone Fruit / Tropical	Style: New World / Old World Describe:
Intensity (Concentration) Low Med- Medium Med+ High	Ripeness: Underripe / Ripe / Overripe / Cooked / Stewed / Candied	Non Fruit: Organic AND In-Organic Floral / Spice / Herbs / Other	Climate: Cool / Moderate / Warm / Hot
Color: Pale Green / Pale Straw / Straw / Pale Gold / Gold / Amber Other:	Primary Fruits: Citrus / Orchard Fruit / Stone Fruit / Tropical	Earth / Mineral Stone / Chalk / Dust / Barnyard / Hearth / Mushrooms	Country:
Brightness: Bright Day Bright Star Bright Brilliant	Non Fruit: Organic AND In-Organic Floral / Spice / Herbs / Other	Wood: No evidence / Used Oak / New Oak / Other	Grape:
Rim Variation	Earth / Mineral Stone / Chalk / Dust / Barnyard / Hearth / Mushrooms	Sweetness: Dry / Off Dry / Medium Sweet / Sweet Body: Low Med- Medium Med+ High	Quality Level
Gas Evidence: Yes / No	Wood: No evidence / Used Oak / New Oak / Other	Acidity: Low Med- Medium Med+ High Tannin: Low Med- Medium Med+ High Alcohol: Low Med- Medium Med+ High	Final Conclusion
Sediment/ Crystal: Yes / No		Balance: Balanced Unbalanced	Vintage:
Viscosity Low Med- Medium Med+ High		Complexity: Low Med- Medium Med+ High	Country:
Wine is:	Age:	Finish: Low Med- Medium Med+ High	Grape: Region: Sub Region:

RED WINES			
Appearance	Nose	Palate	Primary Conclusion
Clarity: Clear Med Clear Dull Hazy Opaque	Clean/ Dirty Brett / Oxiation / TCH / Maderized Winemaking Techniques	Clean / Dirty Intensity	Age Range
Red Wine White Wine	Intensity (Concentration) Low Med- Medium Med+ High	Primary Fruits: Black Fruits / Red Fruits / Dried Fruits / Other	Style: / Old World New World Describe:
Intensity (Concentration) Low Med- Medium Med+ High	Ripeness: Underripe / Ripe / Overripe / Cooked / Stewed / Candied	Non Fruit: Organic AND In-Organic Floral / Spice / Herbs / Other	Climate: Cool / Moderate / Warm / Hot
Color: Pink / Ruby / Purple / Gamet / Brown / Orange Other:	Primary Fruits: Black Fruits / Red Fruits / Dried Fruits / Other	Earth / Mineral Stone / Chalk / Dust / Barnyard / Hearth / Mushrooms	Country:
Brightness: Bright Day Bright Star Bright Brilliant	Non Fruit: Organic AND In-Organic Floral / Spice / Herbs / Other	Wood: No evidence / Used Oak / New Oak / Other	Grape:
Rim Variation	Earth / Mineral Stone / Chalk / Dust / Barnyard / Hearth / Mushrooms	Sweetness: Dry / Off Dry / Medium Sweet / Sweet Body: Low Med- Medium Med+ High Acidity: Low Med- Medium Med+ High Tannin: Low Med- Medium Med+ High Alcohol: Low Med- Medium Med+ High	Quality Level
Gas Evidence: Yes / No	Wood: No evidence / Used Oak / New Oak / Other		Final Conclusion
Sediment/ Crystal: Yes / No			Vintage:
Viscosity Low Med- Medium Med+ High	Age:	Balance: Balanced Unbalanced	Country:
Staining in tears:		Complexity: Low Med- Medium Med+ High	Grape:
Wine is:		Finish: Low Medium Med+ High Med-	Region: Sub Region: