## BIRGIT EICHINGER KAMPTAL, AUSTRIA

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The winery was founded in 1992 by Birgit Eichinger and her husband Christian, who started out from 3.5 hectares of vineyards from her parents' business. After the ideal plot of land was finally found in 1994 at the foot of the Gaisberg amidst picturesquely located vineyards, the construction of the necessary operation facilities plus residential building was started. Since Birgit's husband, Christian, works in the building trade, a pretty estate with a love of detail, yet also a show-case winery with state of the art technology were soon built.

Over time, also the vineyard area was expanded so that today fruit is sourced from more than 9 hectares in the best traditional sites of Strass. Vinification takes place in ultramodern, temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks with emphasis being placed on the purity of the must prior to fermentation.

Birgit Eichinger, as a winemaker, exercises great care, consistency and flair, while being deeply rooted in her homeland – the Kamp Valley. Her wines are the embodiment of elegance and strong character. Great wines are close to Birgit's mind and heart. She stands for progress not stagnation and individualism instead of mainstream. She finds her inspiration and support from her husband, Christian and daughter, Gloria.

Success requires space for growth. Since it's beginnings in 1992, the winery has enjoyed continuous growth and currently boasts a total 15 hectares of prime Kamptaler vineyards. She is also a member of the renowned close-knit network of ,11winemaker women'. The network enables them to exchange know-how and experiences. They push each other to their limits and to think outside the box, setting cutting-edge standards in vinification. As an added the bonus, they have all become great friends. She is also a member of the eminent ,Österreichische Traditionsweingüter' (ÖTW). The ÖTW is a union of some of Austria's best wineries, which classify their vineyards and have created the first catalogue of prime sites.

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