

# FX PICHLER



The winery of F. X. Pichler has been in the hands of the Pichler family for five generations and is located in the Wachau Valley. The vineyards are concentrated on the southern side of the Danube and are planted in steep terraces, originating from the 13th century. F. X. Pichler only produces white wines: Grüner Veltliner, Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc. Since 1999 Lucas Pichler is responsible for the vinification, while his farther F.X. continues to meticulously take care of the vines. Their philosophy is to produce world class wines. They want to craft wines that reflect the year, the soil and the special microclimate of the Wachau. The subtle nuances of each single vineyard are to be experienced and tasted in their multi-layered uniqueness.

It is not often that one can talk about the greatest producer in a given country (but Austria is small, so here one has an advantage). And while there are many great wine-makers in Austria, none is more synonymous with great Austrian wine than F.X. Pichler, or as he is simply called, F.X. In fact so riveting is his reputation that one author on Austrian wine who was prompted to list the 100 greatest producers in Austria, in order of greatness, lists F.X. Pichler as #1. When one tastes the wines, you'll see why they impress all. They are truly monumental dry white wines – each with a mouth-filling presence, finish and complexity that leaves one speechless. His Riesling Smaragd Loibnerberg is the quintessence of rich, exotic multi-layered Riesling. His Grüner Smaragd Kellerberg and Grüner “M” are the most rich and complex expression of this unique varietal one can attain. –Peter Weygant

“In recent years,” notes Lucas Pichler, “we’ve been harvesting a little earlier in order to depress the alcohol levels a bit,” which in 2012 meant among other things beginning with Gruner Veltliner Federspiel already in the third week of September. After what I had tasted thus far of the vintage, I was amazed to find the Rieslings here in aggregate even finer than the Gruner Veltliners, a pattern that was to be dramatically accentuated at nearby Alzinger. –David Schildnecht



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