



Contest: New / Innovative Grape Varieties *Wines from every province!*

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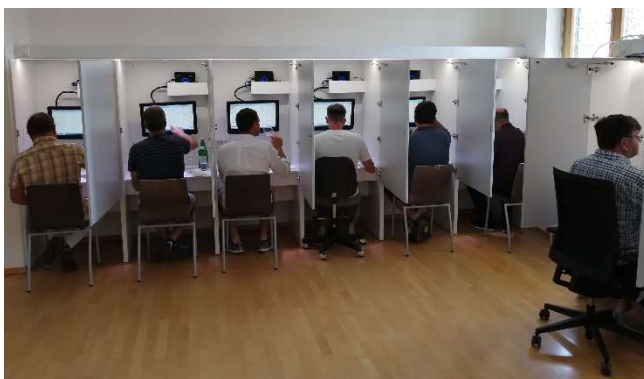
In its fourth year, the Austrian wine competition for new/innovative grape varieties that are fungus-resistant again brought an increase in the number of participating wineries and wines. For the first time a high-level international jury was gathered to evaluate PIWI wines from all nine Austrian provinces.

Already for the fourth time the non-profit association “PIWI Österreich” (PIWI Austria) held the competition for new/innovative grape varieties that are fungus-resistant. For the jury tasting on the 21st of July, 209 wines from 92 different establishments were registered! Every province of Austria, ranging from Lake Constance to Lake Neusiedel, was represented with their wines. By now the largest regional PIWI wine competition has become an anchor in the wine year.



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“I am impressed by the high quality of the wines”, were the words of juror Alexander Morandell, president of PIWI International. This pleasing realisation proves the yearly increasing level of PIWI wines.



For the white wines, the most frequently submitted grape varieties were Muscaris, Sauvignier gris, Donauriesling and Cabernet blanc, while Roesler and Cabernet Jura dominated the red wine category. Most submissions (91) came from Styria, followed by Lower Austria (77), Carinthia (15), Burgenland (11), Upper Austria (5), Vienna (4) and Salzburg, Tyrol and Vorarlberg with two wines each. This year for the first time there is a separate winning category for sparkling wines.

As in previous years, hosting venue for this jury-based tasting was the modern sensory room of the Versuchsstation Haidegg in Graz. The jury was made up of national and international experts and undertook the evaluation using the international 20-point-system. Depending on the points given, the golden & silver badges will be awarded soon. For one category to be evaluated at least 10 wines had to be submitted.



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Jury: Ernst Weinmann (WBI Freiburg), Erwin Gartner (LK Kärnten), Josef Diem (Weingut Diem), Janez Valdhuber (Uni Marburg), Robert Steidl (Steidl-Weinberatung), Martin Palz (LK Steiermark), Nadin Matzer (Obst- und Weinbau Matzer), Stanko Vrsic (Uni Marburg), Gerhard Köck (Weingut Köck), Alexander Morandel (PIWI Intern.), Leonhard Steinbauer (Versuchsstation Haidegg), Josef Umathum (Weingut Umathum), Christian Eitler (LK Niederösterreich), Helmut Hirzer (Weinlabor Silberberg), Helmut Gangl (BA für Weinbau Eisenstadt), Wolfgang Renner (PIWI Österreich, Kostleitung), Stefan Schmid (Versuchsstation Haidegg), Josef Platzer (Versuchsstation Haidegg), Helmut Leitner (Wein Hof Leitner), Michael Gangl (Kobathhof, Tieschen), Georg Thünauer (Weingut Tünauer), Peter Hiden (Versuchsstation Haidegg), Sabrina Dreisiebner-Lanz (Bio Ernte Steiermark), Christian Strohmaier (Weingut Hergott), Reinhold Holler (WBS Silberberg).

PIWI?

“PIWI” stands for “pilzwiderstandsfähige Rebsorten” which translates to types of grapes resistant against fungal diseases. These types of grapes are new and greatly innovative. They derive from complex cross-breeding and are not related to transgenic or cisgenic alterations! They are to a greater or lesser extent resistant against the two most important fungal threats in viticulture: Peronospora (downy mildew) and Oidium (powdery mildew). The modern generation of PIWI varieties is not only low-maintenance in the vineyard but has also got potential for excellent types of wine. PIWIs suit the idea of the “Green Deal” excellently. In the future one will not be able to pass by PIWIs if wanting to pursue ecological and economically sustainable wine-growing successfully in the long run! Currently 2% of Austrian vineyard area is filled with PIWIS. The frontrunner is Styria with 3%.

The Association

The association “PIWI Österreich” (PIWI Austria) was founded 2005 as a working group to promote fungal-resistant grape varieties. The purpose of this association is among others knowledge transfer and the exchange of knowledge, the organisation of inspections and study tours, regular meetings, the exchange of experiences as well as public relations work. There are now about 130 members.

The Best Wines

Cat.	Rank	Establishment	Address	WWW	Type of Wine	Year
SOUVIGNIER GRIS	1	Weinbau Stefan Mally	Feldbaum 65 8524 Bad Gams	weinbau.mally@gmail.com	Southern gris „Sophia“	2021
	2	Kollerhof am Eichberg	Eichberg Trautenburg 39 8463 Leutschach a.d.Wstr.	kollerhof.com	Southern gris	2021
	3	Weingut Wolfgang Lang	Hoferberg 27 8222 St. Johann b. Herberst.	langwein.at	Southern gris	2021
BRONNER	1	Weingut Sternat	Eichberg-Trautenburg 94 8454 Arnfels	sternat.at	Bronner	2021
	2	Weingut Muster-Trautenhof	Pößnitz 51 8463 Leutschach a.d.Wstr.	weingutmuster.at	White Angel	2020
	3	Weingut Pachinger	Brunnengasse 45 7000 St. Georgen	weingut.pachinger@gmx.at	Bronner „unfiltered“	2021
DONAU-RIESLING	1	Weingut & Buschenschank Goll	Mühlgasse 2 3464 Hausleiten	wein-gut-goll.at	Donauriesling	2021
	2	Biohof Leeb	2020 Schöngrabern 119	bauernhof-leeb.at	Donauriesling	2021
	3	Weingut Heinzl-Gettinger	2015 Deinzendorf 109	weingut-heinzl.at	Donauriesling	2021
MUSCARIS	1	Weingut Peter Masser	Fötschach 41 8463 Leutschach a.d.Wstr.	masser.cc	Muscaris	2021
	2	Weingut Birnstingl Otmar	Kranach 70 8462 Gamlitz.	weingut-birnstingl.at	Muscaris	2021
	3	Weingut Bockmoar	Bockberg 1 8410 Wildon	bockmoar.at	Muscaris	2021
CABERNET BLANC	1	Weingut Michael am Rosenberg	Rosenberg 35 8160 Weiz	weingut-michael.at	Cabernet blanc	2021
	2	Weingut Pachinger	Brunnengasse 45 7000 St. Georgen	weingut.pachinger@gmx.at	Cabernet blanc	2021
	3	Kollerhof am Eichberg	Eichberg Trautenburg 39 8463 Leutschach a.d.Wstr.	kollerhof.com	Cabernet blanc	2021
DONAUVELT LINER	1	Weinbauernhof Diem	2015 Zellerndorf 122	weinbauernhof-diem.at	Donauveltliner	2021
	2	Weingut Haimel	St. Georgenergasse 3133 Traismauer	weingut-haimel.at	Donauveltliner	2021
	3	Weingut Drexler-Leeb	Hochstraße 65 2380 Perchtoldsdorf	drexler-leeb.at	Donauveltliner	2021
Weißweine VIELFALT	1	Weingut Pleil	Adlergasse 32 2120 Wolkersdorf	pleil.at	Blütenmuskateller	2021
	2	Weingut Schruiff	Hauptstraße 67 7064 Oslip	schruiff.at	„PIWI Mu“	2020
	3	Bio Weinbau Holzer	Wolkersdorferstraße 61 2211 Pillichsdorf	biowein-holzer.at	Blütenmuskateller	2021

CUVÉES	1	Weinbau Köck	Pollenitz 6 9560 Feldkirchen	weinbau-koeck.at	„Polenikus BIO trocken“	2021
	2	Grafenbergerin	Außerfragant 97 9832 Flattach	grafenbergerin.at	„Gemischter Satz“	2021
	3	Weinhof Kugel	Am Grassnitzberg 33 8472 Straß	weinhof-kugel.at	C. blanc/Johanniter	2020
SCHAUM- / PERLWEINE	1	Weingut Adam-Lieleg	Kranach 78 8463 Leutschach a.d.Wstr.	adam-lieleg.at.at	„Naturperle“	2021
	2	Weingut Winkler-Hermaden	Kapfenstein 106 8353 Kapfenstein	winkler-hermaden.at	Muscaris	2021
	3	Weinhof Gangl	Deutsch Haseldorf 11 8493 Klöch	rebe1.at	Frizzante	2021
„ARCHAISCHER WEINE“	1	Ploder Rosenberg	Unterrosenberg 86 8093 St. Peter a. Ottersbach	ploder-rosenberg.at	„LINEA“ Souvignier gris	2017
	2	Weingut Adam-Lieleg	Kranach 78 8463 Leutschach a.d.Wstr.	adam-lieleg.at.at	Muscaris „Königslilie“	2018
	3	Ploder Rosenberg	Unterrosenberg 86 8093 St. Peter a. Ottersbach	ploder-rosenberg.at	„BLANCA“	2017
ROESLER	1	Weingut Fam. Neubauer	Obere Hauptstraße 60 2074 Kleinhöflein	weingut-neubauer@utanet.at	Roesler	2020
	2	Weinbau Köck	Pollenitz 10 9560 Feldkirchen	weinbau-koeck.at	Roesler Reserve	2020
	3	Weingut Fam. Neubauer	Obere Hauptstraße 60 2074 Kleinhöflein	weingut-neubauer@utanet.at	Roesler	2021
ROTWEINE / VIELFALT	1	HBLA Klosterneuburg	Wiener Straße 74 3400 Klosterneuburg	weinobstklosterneuburg.at	Rathay K & K	2020
	2	HBLA Klosterneuburg	Wiener Straße 74 3400 Klosterneuburg	weinobstklosterneuburg.at	Pinot Nova	2019
	3	Bio Weingut Lukas Poys	Schweinbartherstraße 11 2214 Auersthal	poys.at	Cabernet Jura	2021

The presentation of the winning wineries with their PIWI wines as well as the awarding of the certificates and trophies will take place as part of a public tasting on 6th September 2022 in the Volkskundemuseum Wien (Gartenpalais Schönborn, Laudongasse 15-19)!

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