

# Zwiegelt Estoras Esterhazy 2020



## Region

Despite the country's image as the producer of some of the world's finest white wines, Austria is also home to a thriving red wine culture. Burgenland, south-east of Vienna, with its sunny, continental summers, is the country's key red wine region, with its wines based mainly on the Blaufränkisch and Zweigelt grape varieties. The region occupies a narrow strip of land that runs from the Danube River down to Steiermark in the south. On its eastern side is the border with Hungary, and to the west lies the most eastern foothills of the Alps. Burgenland's Lake Neusiedl (Neusiedlersee) is one of the viticultural focus points, tempering the climate of the hot continental region.

## Producer

The Esterhazy family have been producing wine in the Burgenland for over 300 years. The historical winery was in cellars under the palace in Eisenstadt, but in 2006 a new, high-tech winery was opened at Trausdorf. The Estate now holds 65 hectares spread over the hills near Eisenstadt heading down towards Lake Neusiedlersee. These sites were chosen specifically for their geological structure with rich mineral soil types. With further plantings have come strict reforestry programmes to ensure no environmental impact. Since 2006 Esterhazy have been moving towards more modern and environmentally friendly viticulture, practicing organic farming with certification from the 2023 harvest onwards.

## Tasting Notes

This Zweigelt is grown on rich clay loam and limestone soils which imparts powerful fruit and mineral finesse. Fermented at controlled temperatures for nine days followed by a split maturation, 70% is aged for nine months in 500L barrels and the rest aged in steel to keep fresh fruit character, both parts then blended for a further 6 months ageing. Dominated by a dark cherry character and wild strawberries, with hints of toast and vanilla. The palate is elegant with soft tannins and a long juicy finish.

## Food

This wine harmonizes with roasted and braised dishes, such as goulash, tagine or roasted peppers.

### Technical Information

Country	Austria	Dry/Sweet Style	Bone dry
Region	Burgenland	Alcohol Content	13%
Grape(s)	Zweigelt (100%)	Closure Style	Screw cap
Type	Red	Organic/Biodynamic	In conversion-organic
Style	Fruity	Allergens	Milk: No Egg: No
Oaked Style	Lightly oaked	Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: Yes Vegan: Yes
Body Style	Medium bodied		
Sustainable	Yes-sustainable practices		



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