
Paul Direder Zweigelt

Winery: Paul Direder
Category: Wine – Still - Red
Grape Variety: Zweigelt
Region: Wagram/Austria
Vineyard: sunny hillsides of Hammer vineyard
Feature: Sustainable
Winery established: 2005



Product Information

Soil: Loamy loess

Age of vines: between 20 – 30 years

Elevation: 590 feet above sea water

Vinification: Harvest in beginning of October. Stainless steel fermentation and ageing

Tasting Note: Very aromatic with lively violet, pickled plum, slight chocolate note. Taste: Fruity, fresh, blackberry, plum, a hint of clove. Very clean, spicy and pure with fresh acidity through the finish. Reminiscent of a young Cru Beaujolais, only with more fruit and tannins. This wine drinks beautifully with a slight chill in the heat of the summer.

Bottle size: 1 Liter

Alc: 12.5%

Residual Sugar: 2.5g/l

Acidity: 5.6g/l

Producer Information

Direder, a name that has stood for high quality wines since 1849, is rooted in tradition and has evolved with gained expertise. When Paul D.'s grandfather, Leopold Direder, earned his living with traditional agriculture in the wine region of the Wagram in 1849 he did not expect that his wines would one day conquer the world.

At the age of 16, when Paul D. was still a student and with the support of his mother, he leased his grandparent's farm. Since then he has managed the farm alone to much acclaim.

Initially, the farm consisted only of 86 acres of agricultural land and 10 acres of vineyards. Paul D. expanded the farm by 5 times within the first 10 years! After only 2 years, he started exporting his wine to the United States. Meanwhile, Paul D. graduated with a degree in viticulture and oenology as well as agriculture.

In 2020 Paul is changing over to certified organic farming.

Size: 64 acres. Total annual production: 80,000 bottles.

Wine Region Wagram: The Wagram, a 25-mile long and 100-foot-high ridge between the towns of Krems and Tulln, consists of thousands of years old gravel sediments from the ancient Danube River. Layers of *loess* formed in the Ice Age cover the substrate of marine deposits and river gravels (the name *Wagram* comes from "Wogenrain" meaning "shore") and shape the landscape.