

## Anton Bauer Blaufränkisch Reserve "Artist"

Winery: Anton Bauer Category: Wine – Still - Red Grape Variety: Blaufränkisch

Region: Feuersbrunn, Wagram, Austria

Vineyard: Lanner Feature: Sustainable

Winery established: 1992 under Anton Bauer Awards: 2012 92 pts Fallstaff, 2013 93 pts Fallstaff



## **Product Information**

**Soil:** Loess, loam, primary rock **Age of vines**: 1993/1994

Vinification: hand harvest, grape and single berry selection, Fermented and aged on the yeast in new

Barrique in Allier und Troncais for 20 months.

**Tasting Notes**: Dark ruby with nearly opaque core, violet highlights and a thin, transparent rim. Dark berry fruit, black berry jam and dark minerals. A juicy, sweetly extracted core is elegantly wrapped in harmonious tannins. The long finish has textures of dark fruit and notes of gianduja.

Artwork: by American artist Joanne Roberts Wittauer

**Production**: 2,000 bottles

Alc: 14 %vol. Residual Sugar: 1g/l Acidity: 5g/l

## **Producer Information**

Anton Bauer, born in 1971, represents the 4th generation to manage the now 86 acre winery. After completing his degree in Krems and an internship in Burgundy, he spent more than four years as an oenologist in a renowned Lower Austrian wine-growing business. In 1992, he took over the parental winery with then 8 acres and pursued since then uncompromisingly his idea of quality. It is important to him to work out the region's typicality, the terroir character of the wines, which make them unmistakable and in-exchangeable. Anton Bauer relies exclusively on traditional manual harvesting at his winery.

The winery offices and stock room are located in the center of Feuersbrunn/Wagram, where the Bauer family has owned an old winery for generations. The vinification of the wines is carried out in a new modern winery outside of Feuersbrunn. The latest technology is obligatory as well as meticulous cleanliness.

The physiologically ripe grapes are handled as gently as possible and are of course 100% picked by hand. As a next step the grapes are selected on a sorter belt by a camera. A long period of extensive contact with the yeast makes the wines harmonious, ensuring that there is a better balance between acidity and alcohol. As the wines are bottled relatively late, they can mature slowly. And that is exactly part of Anton Bauer's philosophy: Things need time to develop, and wine needs time as well. Total annual production: 200,000 bottles.

Falstaff Magazine voted Anton Bauer "Winemaker of the year 2017"