

THERMENREGION

**JOHANNESHOF REINISCH
TATTENDORF**


OVERVIEW | Around 30 km south of Vienna, the wine estate Johanneshof Reinisch is nestled amongst the vineyards near the village of Tattendorf. The surrounding region has a distinguished tradition of winemaking, and today this geologically fascinating area on the western edge of the great Pannonian Plain numbers among the country's most prominent winegrowing centers. Vineyards are planted with 65-percent red and 35-percent white varieties. There is a strong link between tradition and modernity, with vineyards growing on excellent soil, the most advanced technology of our time, and the experience of generations that have high ambitions for the present and the future. At Johanneshof Reinisch there is a particular focus on Burgundian varieties such as Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, as well as the Pinot Noir relative known as St. Laurent. In the area of Gumpoldskirchen the indigenous grape varieties Rotgipfler and Zierfandler are cultivated. Johann Reinisch is the fourth generation in his family to make wine in Tattendorf.

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | The estate, which started in 1923, was originally a plot barely half a hectare in size in the Ried Mitterfeld vineyard. Today, they grow grapes on around 40 hectares of vineyards, mostly in the area around Tattendorf as well as in Gumpoldskirchen and Guntramsdorf. 1995 saw the construction of the new winemaking facility, providing modern cellar technology for all aspects of winemaking, including sorting equipment, electronically regulated presses, facilities for monitored fermentation, and a large barrel cellar which was constructed in the traditional method of using old bricks.

The soil around Tattendorf is particularly interesting from a geological standpoint. Here the thermal fault line runs from south to north, and an ancient sea has left its remains. Massive amounts of coarse, washed-up material—"alluvial gravel"—are deposited in the stony "Tattendorfer Steinfeld". All in all, it is particularly good soil for the cultivation of Burgundy varieties.

In the vineyards of Gumpoldskirchen, the grapevines grow in more nutrient-rich soil and at up to 400 meters' elevation. For many generations, it has been known that Zierfandler and Rotgipfler—highly expressive grape varieties now grown nowhere else in the world but in and around Gumpoldskirchen—are capable of producing excellent grapes under these conditions.

WINES | Rotgipfler - Grapes are grown on south-facing slopes in and around Gumpoldskirchen. Fruit is vinified in stainless steel resulting in a wine with fragrances of exotic fruits, vibrant acidity, and a creamy finish.

Pinot Noir - Grapes come mostly from the vineyards around Tattendorf with soils that have a high limestone content. The goal with this wine is one of a lean, fruity character. As a result only large wooden barrels are used for aging. The wine is elegant with a touch of extract sweetness.

St. Laurent - Grapes mature in the vineyards in Tattendorf with dry gravel soils. Ripening occurs 1-2 weeks before pinot noir. Vinification takes place in large wooden barrels to maintain varietal character and freshness. The resulting wine has aromas of forest berries, and a dense structure.



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